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Bitter medicine for Ontarians

Drummond report recommends bigger classes, higher fees for utilities, parking ◐ Scrap 10 per cent rebate on hydro, report says

Bigger class sizes, higher electricity and water bills, and new parking fees at public-transit stations are among the bitter pills deficit-ridden Ontario must swallow to avoid the same fate as debt-plagued Greece, economist Don Drummond warned Wednesday.

Unless all 362 of his recommendations are implemented, Canada's most populous province will double its deficit by 2017-18 and raise its debt to a staggering $411 billion — a little more than half its gross domestic product, Drummond predicted.

"Ontario's finances do not yet constitute a crisis, and with early strong action a crisis can be averted," the report says.

Ontario's debt-to-GDP ratio has more than doubled to 35 per cent since the late 1980s, putting it on par with the three Maritime provinces. Only Quebec has a higher ratio — 50 per cent — but that's exactly where Ontario is headed if nothing is done to balance the books, Drummond warned.

"The lessons of history and of what is happening elsewhere today are clear: the government must take daring fiscal action early, before today's challenges are transformed into tomorrow's crisis."
ECONOMIST DON DRUMMOND

If the Liberals don't heed his advice but instead stick to their current plan to slay the deficit by 2017-18, they will still end up with a $30.2-billion shortfall, Drummond said.

Ontario's debt is still "relatively small" by international standards and its spending "is neither out of control nor wildly excessive." But "unprecedented" action must be taken over the next six years before the province drowns in red ink, the report says.

About one-third of Drummond's recommendations are directed at health care.

"Our message will strike many as profoundly gloomy," the report says. "It is one that Ontarians have not heard, certainly not in the recent election campaign, but one this commission believes it must deliver." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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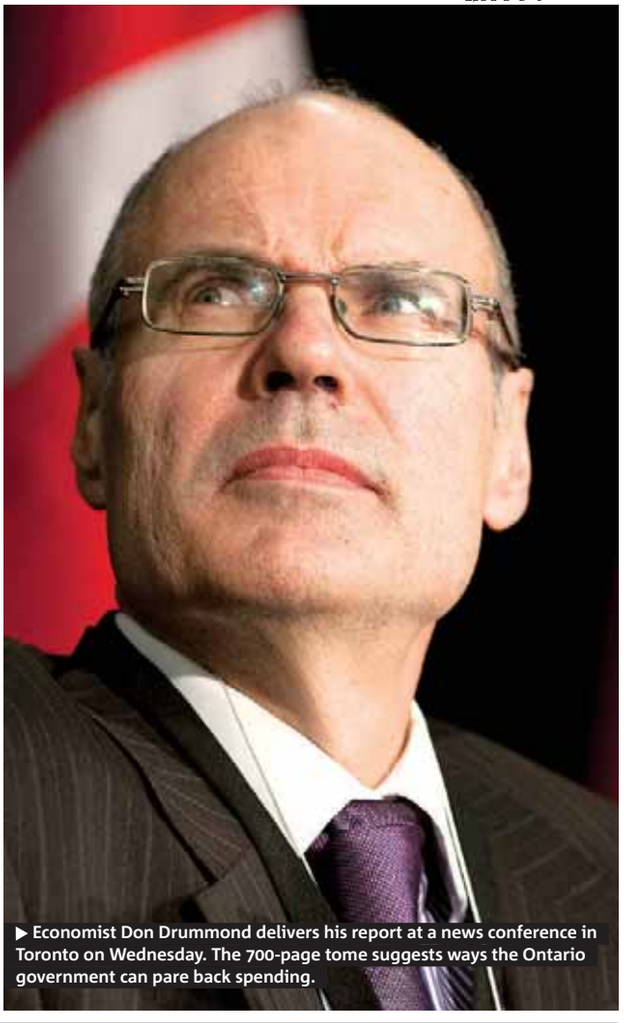

▶ Economist Don Drummond delivers his report at a news conference in Toronto on Wednesday. The 700-page tome suggests ways the Ontario government can pare back spending.

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Profs issue warning over job privatization

Open letter to Rob Ford decries contracting out city cleaning jobs

Toronto must stop contracting out municipal cleaning jobs to stem the alarming growth of working poor in the city, academics and community leaders say.

"Turning good jobs into poverty-wage jobs will only deepen the current job crisis," they say in a letter to Mayor Rob Ford and council to be released today. "Toronto's budget issues should not be resolved at the expense of these cleaners, their families and their neighbourhoods."

Almost 1,000 cleaning jobs in municipal buildings, police stations, daycares, social housing and long-term care facilities are at risk, they say.

The call comes a week after the Toronto Police Service signed a $1.7-million one-year contract with a private cleaning company, eliminating 100 jobs with benefits that paid about $20 an hour. Private cleaners typically earn the minimum wage of $10.25 an hour and receive few benefits.

70,700
A recent report shows more than 70,700 workers in Toronto are struggling to get by on poverty-level wages, a number that jumped by 8.2 per cent between 2000 and 2005.

"A well-functioning city needs all types of people, including people who maintain our civic buildings," said University of Toronto professor David Hulchanski, among about 100 academics who signed the letter. "To replace them with people who earn half as much a year, with no benefits is just another example of how governments are increasing the social divide in our city," he said.

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Colourful. Ford

▶ A painting of Rob Ford, by artist Stephanie Kervin, is now on sale on eBay. Kervin explains that, when she painted the portrait more than a year ago, she'd thought it strange Ford was making a big deal about the bylaw requiring merchants to charge five cents per plastic bag.

CONTRIBUTED

Ford painting on sale on eBay

Cop jailed 30 days for assaulting suspect

A Toronto police constable found guilty last year of punching a motorist and squeezing his testicles twice has been sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Const. Salameh Marji also faces one year of probation. A grim-faced Marji, 35, stared at the ground on Wednesday as he was led away in handcuffs while about 20 officers, friends and relatives in the small courtroom stood in stunned silence. A woman broke down in tears outside the Finch Avenue West courtroom. Marji is engaged to be married soon.

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News in brief

Council approves CUPE deal

Toronto city council ratified a four-year contract with outside workers by a unanimous vote at a special meeting Wednesday.

The workers, who belong to CUPE Local 416, approved the deal Monday.

It will give the 6,000 outside workers a six per cent wage hike over the life of the contract. But it also includes a number of concessions, including changes to job security provisions.

Paramedics are unhappy with the deal.

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▶ Plants in a downtown flower box poke their leaves to the sky Wednesday.

WARM WINTER COULD SET NEW RECORD

Sure, we've had a few cold days and a dusting of snow, but 2011-12 may go down as the winter there was no winter.

According to Geoff Coulson, senior climatologist at Environment Canada, it could wind up being the warmest on record.

The number to beat is 1.5 C, the average temperature throughout the 2001-02 winter, measured at Pearson airport from November to March. So far, this winter's average temperature (November to date) is 1.9 C.

"We still have six more weeks, but we're in that ball park," said Coulson.

It could also be a record-breaking snowfall season — for its lack thereof, of course. Total snowfall at the end of January sat at 25.4 cm, while typical snowfall between November and January is 68.4 cm.

So what happens when winter looks more like spring? Well, tulips won't be poking out anytime soon, but flowers such as snowdrops and winter aconite are already emerging at Burlington's Royal Botanical Gardens "right through the snow," said Carlo Balistrieri, the head of horticulture.

"They're usually amongst the first to bloom, although I can't generally say I see them in the middle of February."

Bulbs could open too soon, leaving their flowers vulnerable if the weather plunges back down. But Balistrieri isn't predicting catastrophe since it's already close to spring. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Birth-weight curve neglects ethnic differences: Study

Doctor urges implementation of modified birth-weight charts

A small weight difference — equal to that of an average grapefruit — can matter a great deal in determining if a newborn baby is on a healthy track.

For immigrant parents, it can also mean a newborn being misdiagnosed as underweight by physicians using an "outdated" one-size-fits-all Canadian weight curve that doesn't take into account the country's changing demographics, says a Toronto study released Wednesday.

"We have a major problem on our hands if we misclassify a whole bunch of South Asian newborns as small when they are not," said Dr. Joel Ray of St. Michael's Hospital, the lead author of the study, published in the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Canada.

Diagnosing a newborn as underweight not only causes anxiety for parents; underweight babies are also more likely to remain in hospital for prolonged stays, require testing and be referred to a pediatrician, all of which increases costs to the health-care system, Ray said.

Researchers based the study on 766,688 live Ontario births from 2002 to 2007 and then created ethnic-specific weight charts.

Researchers found infants born to women from other regions of the world, except Europe and Western countries, weighed significantly less — up to 250 grams — than babies of Canadian-born mothers.

Based on the "outdated Canadian curve," Ray said, 67 of every 1,000 babies born to African and Caribbean parents and 116 of every 1,000 South Asian babies would be at risk of being wrongly classified as significantly underweight. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Breakdown

- About 64 per cent of the babies in the study were born to Canadian mothers, the rest to immigrants, including 7.6 per cent from Europe/Western nations, 4.9 per cent from Africa/Caribbean, 3.4 per cent from Middle East/North Africa, 3.4 per cent from Latin America, 8.1 per cent from East Asia/Pacific and 9.2 per cent from South Asia.

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Teacher charged with sexual assault

The Toronto District School Board is sending a team of social workers to an east-end school after a teacher there was charged with sexually assaulting a student.

It's alleged that a 17-year-old female student from Eastdale Collegiate was sexually assaulted by a teacher on Feb. 8.

The student reported the allegation to school officials two days later and police were then brought in. Police are concerned there may be more victims. The Gerrard Street East school caters to a small population of just over 200 students who have mild intellectual delays. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

suspect appears in court

A man accused of building a mysterious dungeon discovered last year in an abandoned Pickering farmhouse was held in custody after appearing in court Wednesday. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Criminal activity

- Durham police allege that White constructed the dungeon — discovered by federal inspectors in late November — and intended to use it for criminal activity. They refused to elaborate, saying only that there is no proof the room was ever used to confine someone.

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Toronto lawyer filing lawsuit over G20 arrest

- Alleges cops violated charter rights, conducted negligent investigation
- Seeking $25,000 in damages

A Toronto lawyer is suing police for unlawfully arresting him during the G20 summit, a claim already substantiated by Ontario's police complaints watchdog.

Nicholas Wright, 29, was riding his bicycle along Bloor Street on June 27, 2010, the final day of the G20 summit, when he was allegedly stopped by police and handcuffed, searched and detained for about 20 minutes.

Wright claims he was told he was being arrested for wearing a disguise — he had a bandana and goggles around his neck — and an officer later provided a fake name when Wright demanded that he identify himself.

"It was very upsetting," Wright said.

A statement of defence has not yet been filed. Attempts to reach Toronto police for comment on Wednesday were unsuccessful.

Wright's allegations have already been partially substantiated by the province's Office of the Independent Police Review Director, an arm's-length agency that probes police misconduct.

Wright filed a complaint shortly after his arrest and the OIPRD concluded its investigation Sept. 13, 2011. In its report, the agency substantiated Wrights' claims of being arbitrarily detained, searched and unlawfully arrested.

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"The experience has made me more concerned and fearful about my liberty and civil liberties in general, and it's made me view police in a different light."
NICHOLAS WRIGHT

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▶ A line of riot police surround a large street demonstration on the closing day of the G20 Summit in Toronto, Sunday, June 27, 2010.

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▶ Economist Don Drummond leaves the podium after delivering his report at a news conference in Toronto on Wednesday. Drummond says the Ontario government must rethink everything it does — especially in the realms of health care and education — to wring as much as it can out of every taxpayer dollar.

The education of Don Drummond

Ontario needs fewer teachers, bigger classes: Report
But Liberals say full-day kindergarten won't be axed

Ontario should produce fewer teachers and insist that existing ones teach bigger classes and retire later, Don Drummond recommended Wednesday in his long-awaited report on reducing the province's deficit.

The province should also aim to reduce pension contributions, since it matches what the teachers pay in, and ask school boards for a review of benefits, Drummond said.

And when it comes to Premier Dalton McGuinty's flagship program, full-day kindergarten, Drummond agreed there are proven benefits. But, he said, "in the current fiscal climate, the commission is concerned that the timing is inappropriate."

"The typical teacher retires at 59, having worked for 26 years, and then collects a pension for 30 years."
DON DRUMMOND IN HIS REPORT. HE SAID A HIGHER AVERAGE RETIREMENT AGE WOULD REDUCE THE NEED FOR LOWER BENEFITS IN THE FUTURE

He would like to scrap the $1.5-billion-a-year plan, but said if the government insists on going ahead it should delay full implementation to 2017-18 from 2014-15.

Finance Minister Dwight Duncan has already said he won't scrap full-day kindergarten and on Wednesday hinted he was unlikely to revamp the program, as Drummond suggested.

"We've said that full-day kindergarten is the one thing we want to protect, and our objective would be to protect it as we established it," Duncan said after the report was made public.

Meanwhile, Ontario public-school teachers were quick to react to the report. The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation called some of Drummond's suggestions "extreme measures which would be detrimental to student success."

The union representing elementary-school teachers called on McGuinty to "do the right thing" and reaffirm his government's commitment to education.

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Seniors could be asked to bear more health costs

The province can no longer afford to pay for all prescription drugs for everyone 65 and older, Don Drummond says.

"Ontario needs to start having an open, honest discussion about public coverage of health-care costs," he says in his report. "A minimal step would be to make the portion of pharmaceutical costs paid for by seniors rise more sharply as income increases."

Ontario spent $44.77 billion on health care last year, or 40.3 per cent of all government program spending. Recommendations to reform health care make up two-thirds of the report, which says the increase in health spending should be reduced to 2.5 per cent a year from 6.5 per cent in each of the past eight years.

Drummond advises placing more importance on community-based care to keep people out of expensive hospitals.

He suggests that Ontario's 14 Local Health Integration Networks be given much more power to oversee health care in each region, incorporating primary care into their mandate, something Premier Dalton McGuinty has already said the Liberal government wants to do. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Highlights

Some of the Drummond report recommendations.

- **Cap growth of health-care** spending at 2.5 per cent each year to 2017-18.
- **Increase home-based care.**
- **Make higher-income** seniors pay more toward the cost of drugs.
- **Freeze doctors' salaries.**
- **Cap growth in primary** and secondary education spending at one per cent each year to 2017-18.
- **Put "strong pressure" on** the federal government to fund on-reserve First Nations education equal to per-student provincial funding for elementary and secondary education. Failing that, the province itself should step up to provide that funding.
- **Cancel the full-day** kindergarten program, or delay full implementation from 2014-15 to 2017-18.
- **Increase the average class** size to 24 from 22 in Grades 9 to 12 and to 26 from 24.5 in Grades 4 to 8.
- **Cap growth in social-** services spending at 0.5 per cent each year to 2017-18.
- **Decrease program** spending in all other areas by 2.4 per cent each year to 2017-18.
- **Begin charging for parking** at GO Transit lots.
- **Charge more to recover** the full cost of water and wastewater services.
- **Eliminate the Ontario** Clean Energy Benefit "as quickly as possible."
- **Negotiate the transfer of** responsibility for incarceration for sentences longer than six months to the federal government, up from the current two years.
- **Close one of the two** casinos in Niagara Falls.

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Bill to kill gun registry passes House

Quebec plans legal action to stop federal records from being destroyed

Federal Conservatives erupted in cheers Wednesday after finally securing House of Commons approval to scrap the controversial long-gun registry.

The Harper government used its majority to pass the bill by a vote of 159-130, with the support of two maverick New Democrats — John Rafferty and Bruce Hyer.

All other NDP, Liberal, Bloc Québécois and Green MPs voted against it.

The vote effectively puts the registry on life support; all that remains is for the Senate to pull the plug. Since the Conservatives enjoy a commanding majority in the upper chamber as well, the registry's fate is sealed.

"Many of us have waited for this day for a very long time," Public Safety Minister Vic Toews told a news conference earlier Wednesday.

"This is a sad day for victims of violence."
INTERIM NDP LEADER NYCOLE TURMEL

He said it's the end of a campaign that began for him 15 years ago, when he was attorney general of Manitoba. And he called it an important day for Conservatives, who have opposed the registry for years.

Interim Liberal leader Bob Rae slammed the Tories' "triumphalism" and said the more they celebrate the registry's demise, "the more they distance themselves from where most Canadians are on this question."

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▶ Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews is pictured on Wednesday at a press conference where he spoke about the gun registry.

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Tweets

It was a bad day on Twitter for Toews.

- **@PAMZIG:** Je heart #vikileaks, don't mess with the children of the internet, we are one step ahead.
- **@Jillian4Sports:** "either stand with the government, or with the child pornographers" @VikiLeaks30 — umm those are my only two options?? #VicToews
- **@AntoniaZ:** Whoa. @vikileaks30 is like passing a car crash. You don't want to look but you can't help it. #cdnpoli #VicToews

@vikileaks30 attacks Toews

Twitter feed 'leaks' Public Safety minister's alleged divorce details
Backlash grows in response to Conservatives' online-surveillance bill

In their tough-on-crime approach to legislation, the Conservatives are learning a tough lesson.

Mess with the Internet and it's going to mess with you.

Social-media networks and comment pages exploded Wednesday in opposition to the Harper government's introduction of Bill C-30, which would give police and spies easier access to information about Internet users.

The centrepiece of the campaign was an anonymous Twitter account purporting to leak details of Public Safety Minister Vic Toews' divorce records.

"Vic wants to know about you. Let's get to know about Vic," wrote @vikileaks, before beginning an information dump that also juxtaposed details about the minister's home life with his public comments on family values.

Within hours, the account had more than 3,000 followers and inspired hundreds of comments, photo collages and jokes.

Toews was quick to condemn the posts.

"I won't get involved in this kind of gutter politics," he said on his own Twitter account, which has a fraction of the followers of his anonymous attacker.

Public court records of Toews' divorce have been available for several years, but no major news organizations have pursued the story.

The Conservatives have already indicated they're feeling the heat on the bill, appearing open Wednesday to amendments.

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Cigarette explodes

Fire officials say an electric cigarette exploded in a U.S. man's mouth, severely burning his face and knocking out some of his front teeth.

North Bay Fire Department Division Chief Joseph Parker says it appears the cigarette's battery exploded while the man was smoking Monday night.

He also lost part of his tongue.

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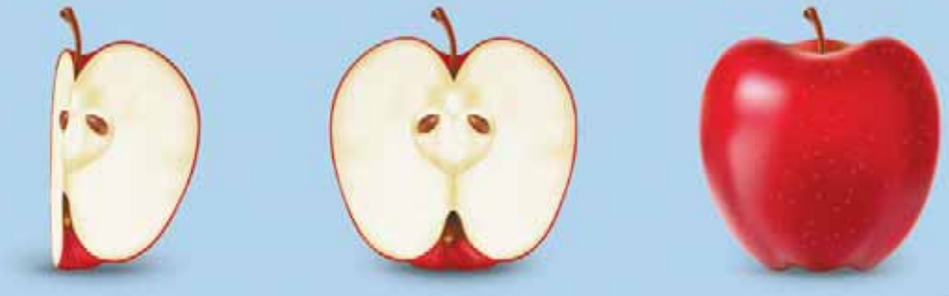

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Honduran prison fire kills hundreds

Six people drowned seeking refuge in a water tank inside prison ◗ President suspends top penal officials

A fire started by an inmate tore through an overcrowded prison in Honduras, burning and suffocating screaming men in their locked cells as rescuers desperately searched for keys. As many as 300 people were killed in the world's deadliest prison fire in eight decades.

The local governor, who was once a prison employee, told reporters on Wednesday that an inmate called her moments before the blaze broke out, screaming: "I will set this place on fire and we are all going to die!"

Comayagua Gov. Paola Castro said she called the Red Cross and fire brigade immediately. But firefighters said they were kept outside for half an hour by guards who fired their guns in the air, thinking they had a riot or a breakout on their hands.

Officials have long held little control over conditions inside many Honduran prisons, where inmates have unfettered access to cellphones and other contraband.

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▶ A woman weeps outside Comayagua prison, where a fire broke out early Wednesday.

Prison problems

- **Honduras has** one of the world's highest rates of violent crime.
- **Its overcrowded** and dilapidated prisons have been hit by a string of deadly riots and fires in recent years
- **According to government statistics,** the Comayagua prison was built in the 1940s for 400 people but holds more than 800 prisoners watched over by about 100 guards.
- **Officials said** 272 people were confirmed dead, but many prisoners were unaccounted for and the death toll could go higher.

REGIME CHANGE?

Syria's president calls for national vote

As Syrian forces stepped up their assault Wednesday on rebellious cities, President Bashar Assad ordered a referendum, set for Feb. 26, on a new constitution that would create a multiparty system in a country that has been ruled by his autocratic family dynasty for 40 years.

Such a change would have been unheard of a year ago, and Assad's regime is touting the new constitution as the centrepiece of reforms aimed at calming Syria's upheaval.

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▶ Syrian soldiers stand guard.

But after 11 months of bloodshed, with well over 5,000 dead in the regime's crackdown on protesters and rebels, Assad's opponents say the referendum and reforms are not enough and that the country's strongman must go.

"The people in the street today have demands, and one of these demands is the departure of the regime," said Khalaf Dahowd, a member of the National Coordination Body for Democratic Change in Syria, an umbrella for several opposition groups in Syria and in exile.

The White House also dismissed the referendum.

Press secretary Jay Carney called the move "laughable" in light of ongoing brutality by the Syrian military, and said it "makes a mockery" of the uprising.

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▶ In this January 2012 file photo, children line up in Mogadishu to receive a meal at a food-distribution centre for those displaced by last year's famine or by conflict.

Report: 1 in 4 kids malnourished

◗ Chronic hunger leaves children vulnerable ◗ Likely causes permanent damage to bodies, brains, report says

Five children around the world die every minute because of chronic malnutrition, according to a report released Wednesday. It also said that almost half a billion children are at risk of permanent damage over the next 15 years.

The report from Save the Children said the deaths of two million children each year could be prevented if malnutrition were better addressed.

It called chronic malnutrition a largely hidden crisis that affects one in four children globally. Global hunger has fallen markedly over the last two decades, but the 2011 Global Hunger Index found that six countries have higher rates of hunger today than two decades ago. Five of those countries are in Africa. The other is North Korea.

450M **The Save the Children report said if action is not taken to reduce chronic malnutrition, 450 million children will be affected by 2025.**

The 2011 Global Hunger Index said that Congo, Burundi, Comoros, Swaziland and Ivory Coast have higher degrees of hunger today than in 1990. Kuwait, Turkey, Malaysia and Mexico have made the biggest gains against hunger.

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Man on trial for forcing three grandsons on gruelling hikes

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▶ Christopher Alan Carlson

A federal trial began Wednesday for an Indiana man accused of forcing his grandsons to hike for miles in the Grand Canyon without food or water in brutal August heat.

Christopher Alan Carlson, of Indianapolis, who is in his mid-40s, has pleaded not guilty to six counts of child abuse.

Jury selection in his trial began Wednesday and was expected to wrap up by Thursday. Opening statements from the prosecution and defence will follow.

Judge Frederick Martone started questioning a pool of 56 jurors whether they had heard about details of the case from the news media.

A dozen people said they had heard about it on the news, and one of them said the coverage combined with his own experience with abuse at the hands of his father would affect his ability to be impartial.

All the potential jurors are from northern Arizona's Yavapai County, requiring some to drive more than an hour to Phoenix for the trial.

Martone explained to jurors that child-abuse cases are typically tried in county courts but that since the alleged crimes occurred in a national park, this case is under federal jurisdiction.

Investigators said Carlson told them that the boys were overweight and that he thought hiking the Grand Canyon would help get them into shape.

"He told me that he loved his grandchildren very much, but at the same time there were tough people in the world and his grandchildren needed to be tough as well," National Park Service Special Agent Chris Smith said at the time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sweltering heat

- Carlson's grandsons — who were 12, 9 and 8 at the time — told investigators that Carlson hit, pushed, choked, and squeezed them, and forced their fingers down their throats to make them vomit during trips into the Grand Canyon.
- A ranger with binoculars spotted the group on what would be the last of the hikes on Aug. 28, when the temperature soared to 108 F and a man died on another trail from heat exposure. The ranger reported seeing Carlson shoving the oldest boy and whipping him with a rolled-up T-shirt.
- Rangers fed the boys and gave them water after one showed symptoms of heat stroke and the other two had signs of heat exhaustion and dehydration. They were placed in the care of state Child Protective Services.

PETA seeks roadside cow tribute

Animal-rights group PETA wants to set up a roadside memorial sign in western Manitoba for cows killed in a highway crash.

PETA is asking the Manitoba government for permission to place a sign along Highway 5 near Carberry where 71 cows died after a semi collided with a train on Jan. 31.

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'Superman' sues over strip search

A U.S. student claimed in a lawsuit Wednesday he was humiliated and traumatized when forced to strip in front of classmates who said he had marijuana. The student said he still suffers from emotional distress because classmates taunted him by calling him "Superman" because of the underwear he was wearing.

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Sean Penn riles British press over Falklands

Sean Penn is accusing British media of pushing for war instead of diplomacy to resolve the U.K.'s dispute with Argentina over the islands both countries claim. Penn said journalists twisted his words in support of Argentina's push for a UN-sponsored settlement.

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2 Six little pigs have found a friend in a maternal bulldog named Baby, who has adopted them.

3 New Delhi held a disaster drill amid fears a major quake could topple buildings and homes.

4 Greg Smith says a new school speed limit sign in White Lake, Mich., is too hard to read.

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Kenyan chief's tweets improve village life

- Twitter used to report crimes and other matters of local concern
- Village's initiative emblematic of social media's growth in Africa

When the administrative chief of the western Kenyan village of Lanet Umoja received an urgent 4 a.m. call that thieves were invading a school teacher's home, he sent a message on Twitter. Within minutes, residents in this village of stone houses gathered outside the home, and the thugs fled.

"My wife and I were terrified," said teacher Michael Kimotho. "But the alarm raised by the chief helped."

The tweet from Francis Kariuki was only his latest attempt to improve life in his village, located about 160 kilometres west of the capital, Nairobi.

Kariuki said that even the thieves in his village follow him on Twitter. Earlier this year, he tweeted about the theft of a cow, and later the cow was found abandoned, tied to a pole.

Kariuki's official Twitter page shows 300 followers, but the former teacher estimated that thousands of the 28,000 residents in his area receive the messages he sends out directly and indirectly. He said many of his constituents, mostly subsistence farmers, cannot afford to buy smartphones but can access tweets through a third-party mobile-phone application. Others forward the tweets via text message.

"Twitter has helped save time and money. I no longer have to write letters or print posters, which take time to distribute and are expensive," Kariuki said.

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▶ Chief Francis Kariuki, left, reads a tweet on his mobile phone at his office in the village of Lanet Umoja, near Nakuru, in the Rift Valley of Kenya.

"Let's be the kind of people that do good for others whether we get paid back or not, whether they say thank you or not."
RECENT TWEET BY FRANCIS KARIUKI

Developments

- A recent report said that Twitter is enjoying big growth across Africa. It said South Africans use Twitter the most, but Kenya is second in usage on the continent.
- The research by Kenya-based Portland Communications and Tweetminster found that over the last three months of 2011, Kenyans produced nearly 2.5 million tweets. More than 80 per cent of those polled in that research said they mainly used Twitter for communicating with friends, 68 per cent said they use it to monitor news.
- Beatrice Karanja, the head of Portland Nairobi, said the findings show the use of Twitter is part of a revolution for governments that want to open dialogue with citizens and businesses that want to talk with their consumers.

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Birth control not such a faux pas in U.S.: Polls

Republicans seek to limit access to contraception
In 2008, women represented 54% of U.S. electorate

U.S. President Barack Obama's opponents claim he's "declared war on religion" with his efforts to require employers to provide birth control coverage for their workers.

Republican presidential hopeful Rick Santorum even recently suggested the president was leading America into a secular nightmare where the devoutly religious will face the guillotine.

America's ever-percolating culture wars are now on full boil. Republicans have cranked up the heat by painting Obama as an anti-religious zealot as they attempt to push through measures in Congress that would result in limited access to birth control for some American women.

And yet a pair of new polls suggest Americans aren't buying it — not even Catholics, whose leaders have lead the charge against Obama's birth control mandate.

Their howls of protest forced Obama into a slight concession last week that would require insurers, not the religious organizations themselves, to pay for employees' birth control.

But a Gallup survey says

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▶ Republicans seeking to limit access to birth control for some American women may be facing a backlash.

98% The percentage of Catholic women in the U.S. who have used birth control over the course of their lives.

Obama slipped just three percentage points among Catholics last week as the administration fought publicly with bishops over whether church-affiliated employers should pay for contraception as part of their employees' health plans. An average of 46 per cent of Catholics told the pollster they approved of Obama's job performance, compared to 49 per cent the previous week.

"Catholics are typically an important swing voting group in U.S. elections, so a president is at some political risk if he pursues a policy that could anger Catholics," Gallup's Jeffrey Jones wrote of the findings.

"So far, though, it appears the controversy over religious group employer health plans and contraception has not had a significantly negative effect on how rank-and-file Catholics view the president."

A CBS News/New York Times poll released Wednesday also suggests that most Americans, including Catholics, support the Obama administration's original birth control mandate. Sixty-one per cent of those surveyed said they back federally-mandated contraception coverage for employers with religious affiliations, while 31 per cent were opposed. Among Catholics, the numbers were almost identical — 61 per cent in favour and 32 per cent against.

What's even more disturbing for Republicans? Fifty per cent of those who identified themselves as party faithful backed the mandate, compared to 44 per cent who were opposed. Support was particularly strong among women of all demographics.

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Splash. Out

▶ Members of Sri Lanka's People's Liberation Front brave police water cannons during a protest in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on Wednesday.

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Washing down a sea of protesters

A wave of protests has swept across Sri Lanka after the government increased fuel and food prices last weekend.

Inmate on the lam for hours: Cops

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IN HALIFAX

A daring inmate escape near Halifax Wednesday morning was right out of a Hollywood movie.

Thomas Arnold Jones, 48, was in the back of a sherriff's van on the way to Dartmouth provincial court at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday when he allegedly escaped out the back and ran off while the van was in motion. There were seven other inmates and two sheriffs in the van at the time. The van continued on to Dartmouth courthouse.

Dan Harrison from the Department of Justice said it's policy to put handcuffs and leg irons on prisoners before they are transported, but reports suggest Jones wasn't handcuffed when he escaped.

Halifax Regional Police searched the area from Highway 111, Pleasant Street and Portland Street.

Jones was on the lam for four hours when Halifax police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said he called police. Jones was arrested on Marilyn Drive at 1:30 p.m. He was on his way to court for sentencing on a break and enter charge, but is also charged with a number of other offences.

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Deep-freeze death toll rises in Europe

Farmers concerned about their livestock are bringing them into homes Towns remain isolated

More than 650 people have died during a record-breaking cold snap in Eastern Europe, authorities said Wednesday, as officials in the Czech Republic blamed two massive car crashes on blinding snow.

Since the end of January, the region has been pummelled by the deep freeze, which has brought the heaviest blizzards in recent memory. Tens of thousands have been trapped in often-freezing homes and villages by walls of snow and unpassable roads, and officials have struggled to reach out to the vulnerable with emergency food airlifts.

Authorities in Russia and Ukraine alone reported Wednesday that more than 300 people have died in the bitter cold.

About 100 damaged cars blocked a major highway in the Czech Republic connecting the capital, Prague, with the eastern part of the country and Slovakia. Seven people were injured in two separate accidents, authorities said, warning it could be hours before the mangled vehicles are cleared.

Some 40 cars crashed before midday Wednesday during a heavy snowstorm 300 kilometres east of Prague, injuring two people. Dozens of vehicles, including a bus, were involved in a separate crash southeast of Prague, which injured five, according to Czech public CT24 television.

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▶ A driver makes slow progress during a heavy snowfall near Veznice, Czech Republic, on Wednesday.

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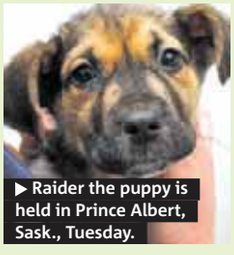

▶ Raider the puppy is held in Prince Albert, Sask., Tuesday.

The story of a puppy who had been left to die in frigid cold weather touched the hearts of people across Canada and now it has a happy ending in North Vancouver.

That's where a couple have agreed to adopt Raider, as the terrier-mix puppy from Prince Albert, Sask., has come to be known.

Raider was rescued from the back of an abandoned truck in mid-January by three members of the Prince Albert Raiders, the city's Western Hockey League team.

Players Josh Morrissey, Shane Danyluk and Carson Perreaux heard the little guy whimpering in the -40 C temperature and said they just couldn't leave him there.

Raider needed a lot of treatment as he suffered from mange, a disease that causes hair loss, but despite that the Prince Albert Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) fielded about 30 inquiries as the story spread.

In addition, a veterinary company in Ottawa donated all the medicine required to nurse Raider back to full health, free of charge.

"He's been spoiled rotten," said Leanne Roberts from the SPCA. "The couple that has adopted him are fully aware of his medical conditions and the ongoing care that is going to be required."

"They saw his story and they thought, 'This is the dog that we can help and we want to make a difference in one dog's life.'"

Veterinarians at Park Range Veterinary Clinic provided one last check-up Tuesday before he left. Tests showed that he had no signs of mange and was on the mend.

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Cyclone Giovanna blows through Madagascar

A cyclone has left 16 people dead in Madagascar, disaster officials on the Indian Ocean island said Wednesday.

Among the dead were six killed when a building collapsed in Alaotra Mangoro, said Richard Ramandeamanana, a government official in that eastern region of the island.

The national disaster office on Wednesday reported the national toll of 16, and added 65 people were injured.

Cyclone Giovanna struck land about 1 a.m. Tuesday in Brickaville, 260 kilometres east of the capital, Antananarivo.

It brought heavy rain and high winds and some neighbourhoods in the capital and elsewhere were flooded.

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Kellogg purchases Pringles for $2.7B

Cereal maker looks to boost its global snacks business

PAT WELLENBACH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Troubled snack-food maker Diamond Foods and Procter & Gamble have called off their $1.5 billion US deal for Diamond to buy the Pringles brand. Cereal maker Kellogg Co. is swooping in and made a $2.7 billion US deal to purchase the brand.

Diamond Foods, makers of Emerald Nuts and Pop Secret popcorn, and Procter & Gamble said Wednesday that they mutually agreed to end their proposed deal.

With Diamond out of the picture, the Pringles brand is headed to Kellogg. The company said the transaction will help to strengthen its snacks business, which it is trying to achieve the same global reach as its cereal business. Kellogg's snack brands include Keebler, Cheez-It and Special K Cracker Chips.

"Pringles has an extensive global footprint that catapults Kellogg to the number two position in the worldwide savoury snacks category, helping us achieve our objective of becoming a truly global cereal and snacks company," Kellogg president and CEO John Bryant said.

Diamond's stock gained $1.10, or 4.9 per cent, to $23.40 in premarket trading, while Procter & Gamble's stock dipped 16 cents to $64.32. Kellogg's stock added $2.15, or 4.3 per cent, to $52.45.

Kellogg will pay Procter & Gamble $2.7 billion in cash. The company expects to complete the Pringles acquisition during the summer, possibly on June 30.

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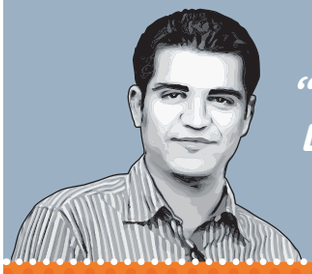

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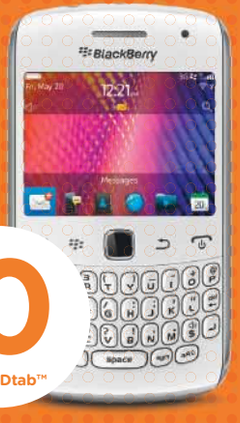

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HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
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If Canada is known for one thing, it's a history of excellent game shows.

That's why the creators of Survivor, which is currently airing its 24th season, decided the 25th anniversary season would be filmed in its most treacherous location ever! Here's the transcript.

SURVIVOR: CANADA!

(A beaver growls. The McKenzie brothers chant.)

Bob and Doug: Koo-loo-koo-koo-koo-koo-koo-koooo!

Host Jeff Probst: Welcome. For the next two months, a group of American strangers will be stranded ... here ... in "Canada" — a Grizzly-infested peninsula somewhere north of Minnesota. Let's meet our castaways. First — Jimmy, a retired military officer who's about to snap.

Jimmy: You'll all be sorry! The camera crews can't protect you forever!

Probst: Amanda, an exotic dancer known for her enormous wits.

Amanda: My cousin Mary lives here. Do you know her?

Probst: Agnes, a sweet old woman who will be eaten alive by the other contestants, perhaps literally.

Agnes: Let's all play fair.

Probst: And Vance, who inexplicably believes this show makes him a star.

Vance: Hey, America! How you doin'?

Probst: The contestants will be split into groups whose names reflect the local culture: Team Toque and Team Chesterfield. The first competition is a Great Canadian Challenge: Castaways must get their frostbite treated through Medicare. And go!

(The contestants stand in line for three months.)

Probst: Oooh, time's up. I'm afraid nobody wins immunity. And now let's watch as contestants have some introspective time alone with a camera crew and 13 million viewers.

Vance: Everything's good. If I lose, I can get my break in Canadian cinema. That exists, right?

Amanda: It's weird here. Canada's like a whole other country, you know?

Agnes: Everyone's been so nice. Even those squeegee kids who stole our things were very polite.

Jimmy: You took my gun! What kind of place is this?

Probst: It's time for Tribal Council! The results have been counted and, in true Canadian fashion, only one of you voted! Agnes is eliminated.

Agnes: I voted myself off. You all deserve it more.

Probst: Because this is Canada, the tribe must form a subcommittee that will report back on what went wrong for Agnes. Also, Agnes has the right to a lengthy appeals process. The tribe has spoken, Agnes. You can't win the appliances.

Vance: Appliances? What about the million dollars?

Probst: No, sorry, the prize is a lovely Whirlpool washer and dryer, making it the largest award ever on a Canadian game show! That's all for this week. Join us next time, when our castaways face their toughest challenge: One hour with Nickelback! Who will survive?

All: We quit.

Probst: It's still better than Bumper Stumpers.

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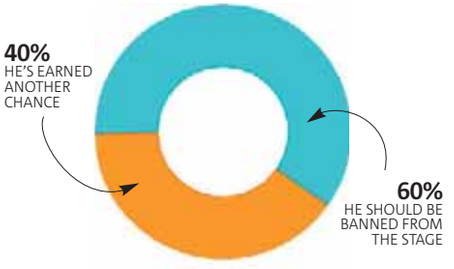
What do you think of Chris Brown performing at this year's Grammys?



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Daily Zoom

Egg-cellent armour

Tank built out of egg cartons

LONDON. It looked like shell warfare at England's Imperial War Museum after the unveiling of a "tank" made out of egg cartons. Sculptor Stuart Murdoch's carton-made mockup of a Challenger II vehicle was built to launch a national egg-and-spoon race organized by Eggs for Soldiers, a charity that raises money for injured soldiers. MWN

60 seconds

All those egg boxes. You must have made many omelettes.

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How do egg boxes compare to real steel?

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What was the most difficult thing about making this tank?

Getting it through the door at London's Imperial War Museum. The door was too small, so we had to break it up into separate sections to get it in.

Will it stay there forever?

No. It's going outside on public display on March 4 for one day. After that, I have no idea what will happen to it. My dream is to see it retired at the Tank Museum in Dorset, southwest England.

What other curiosities have you made?

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Brown

Country singer Miranda Lambert doesn't get why controversial R&B star Chris Brown was allowed to perform twice at the Grammys on Sunday. She tweeted on Monday: "He beat on a girl...not cool that we act like that didn't happen." Brown beat up then-girlfriend Rihanna the night before the Grammys in 2009. He pled guilty to an assault charge and was sentenced to five years of probation and six months of community labour.

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Cinephiles celebrate attention to film preservation in 'The Artist' and 'Hugo'

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▶ Krystyna (Milla Bankowicz), left, and Leopold Socha (Robert Wieckiewicz) in a scene from the film In Darkness.

In Darkness finds the light

Local screenwriter talks about his film getting nominated for a best foreign language Oscar

BACKSTAGE PASS

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While the rest of us waited to discover this year's Oscar nominees, eager to find out which stars would be at the annual ceremony, Markham native David F. Shamoon had his eyes peeled on one category: best foreign language film.

A writer, Shamoon penned In Darkness, the story of a Polish thief who hides a group of Jewish refugees in the sewers of Lvov during WWII. It was Poland's official selection for this year's Academy Awards.

He and his wife were sitting in their family room when the announcement was made that his film was nominated.

"It came on and it was pandemonium," he says.

Surprisingly, screenwriting wasn't Shamoon's first career. The 64-year-old worked in the advertising industry until 15 years ago, when he began toying with the idea.

"It had everything a good drama should have in it."
SCREENWRITER DAVID SHAMOON

"I'm a huge movie buff," he says. "I got this crazy idea to write screenplays."

What began as a hobby quickly blossomed as he started taking his craft more seriously. A couple of his scripts were optioned but In Darkness, which opens Friday, is his first produced screenplay.

Shamoon stumbled across the story in the Toronto Star and after further research, discovered the book In the Sewers of Lvov by Robert Marshall.

"It was incredible — it had everything a good drama should have in it."

Polish director Agnieszka Holland agreed to direct the film but insisted the script be translated from English to Polish.

At first "it really gobsmacked us," says Shamoon. "But the more I met with her, I knew she was the one to do it."

Now fully enmeshed in his second career, Shamoon has his fingers in several cinematic pies, and he'll be heading to L.A. next week for the awards ceremony.

"It's very exciting, very surreal and very intimidating," he admits. "Anything that's happened, past my writing the script, is miraculous."

Nicolas Cage admits he isn't a vampire

Is Nicolas Cage an immortal creature running around, reinventing himself every 75 years?

People.com reports that Cage denies this unusual rumor, and says he's not an immortal vampire whose image was caught in the Civil-War era. Cage stated as much on David Letterman's Late Show.

"I don't drink blood, and last time I looked in the mirror I had a reflection."

"I don't drink blood and last time I looked in the mirror I had a reflection." NICOLAS CAGE

Cage understands the confusion with the Tennessee man in the 1890 photo. The eBay seller claims the photograph is of a "walking undead/vampire" who "reinvents himself once every 75 years."

"Let me say that there is a resemblance, but how can I be polite about this. It's a somewhat slowed-down version of me," Cage stated,

What a way to burst our blood thirsty bubble. And there goes our True Blood dream of Cage as a real life Civil-War vampire.

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On being bad

Johnny Whitworth talks about playing the villain and working with Nic Cage in the new Ghost Rider film

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When you see Johnny Whitworth, the first thing that may come to mind is Empire Records, in which he starred opposite Liv Tyler as the lovesick A.J. Eerily. The actor has barely aged over the past 17 years, but on screen in Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance, he's almost unrecognizable as Blackout, a villainous light-manipulator who makes trouble for Nicolas Cage's flaming-skulled biker.

What can you tell us about how your character, Blackout, is portrayed in the movie without giving too much away?

He's got some cooler powers than in the comic. [In the comics], he was born basically a mutant, and when he went around everything turned black, and then he kind of identified with vampires and had these prosthetic fangs put in and claws, and then he was kind of an assassin kind of guy. In our thing, he actually can control what's going on with the light. It's much cooler. And he has powers that give him ... a unique quality and make him ... a good villain for the Ghost Rider.

Did you see the first Ghost Rider film?

I did... I've got to be careful how I use my words. I saw the first one. I think I was there opening day. I go to see all of them. I'm a total geek like that.

As a geek, were you a fan of the comics?

Yeah. I mean, he was definitely the coolest-looking hero, but I never followed that particular comic too much. My little brother did, and that was my introduction to it when we were younger.

How is it taking on a villain role?

It's fun. It's challenging just for the aesthetic reasons, and it's fun because villains are fun. Bad guys are more interesting, you know? You have no limitations, really.

And you go up against the Ghost Rider himself, Nicolas Cage. How was that?

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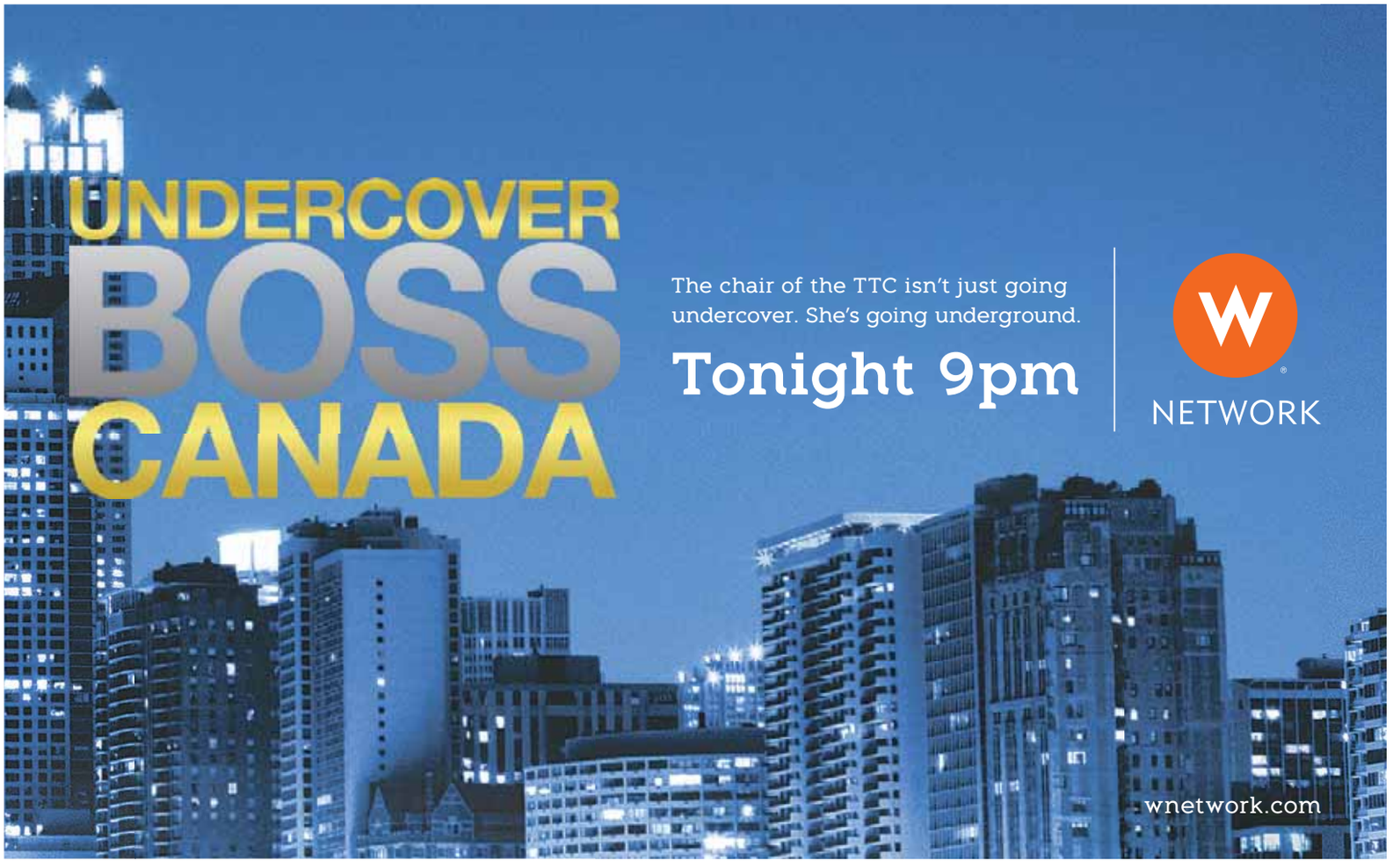
▶ Johnny Whitworth is barely recognizable as Blackout in Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance.

It's a pleasure to work with Nic. There's not one particular thing I can elaborate on, you know? I think Nic's a great guy and an amazing craftsman. I dig his work. It's inspiring. What was cool was that I didn't understand anything that was going on in Romania, but we could be in a cab or a restaurant or whatever and we'd hear their language and then, "Nicolas Cage." The only thing I would understand was "Nicolas Cage" and then "ciorbă," which is soup.



Putting the 'man' in manly

Nick Offerman takes the masculinity up a notch in Parks and Recreation

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▶ Nick Offerman is the moustachioed, meat-loving Ron Swanson.

The nature of manhood — understanding it, mastering it, faking it when necessary — keeps a hefty segment of men scrambling.

No wonder it fuels comedy. TV's flock of men-in-doubt are relatable, even reassuring, to an audience of real-life men who share similar misgivings about their own manliness. But any viewer who seeks a masculine role model plagued by no breach of confidence or shortage of testosterone should look elsewhere. Behold: Ron Swanson of NBC's Parks and Recreation (airing Thursday at 8:30 p.m. EST), the go-to guy for video virility.

Defiantly deadpan yet remarkably nuanced, Ron, as portrayed by Nick Offerman, is a pillar of male self-sufficiency.

Ron prizes meat, woodworking, facial hair and the least amount of government possible — which is funny since, of course, he is a government official, director of the parks department in the Indiana town of Pawnee where Parks and Recreation is set. Thus does his sacred mission become one of slashing his department's productivity to evermore-negligible levels.

This puts him in regular conflict with his underling, Leslie Knope (series star Amy Poehler), whose little-engine-that-could progressivism drives her to find new ways for the parks department to serve Pawnee citizens.

"Ron Swanson was very much designed in a two-dimensional way at the outset: Here's our clear antagonist for this bright and shiny protagonist," says Offerman in a recent interview. But quickly, in his hands, Ron gained a third dimension, emerging as a fully formed he-man, not a caricature.

"There's so much luck involved in mixing up a pot of goulash," Offerman muses, "and you're not sure exactly which ingredient is going to make you say, 'You know, that's a delicious meal.' Sometimes it's the cumin that takes it over the top. If I were ever referred to as the cumin on Parks and Recreation, I would consider it high praise."

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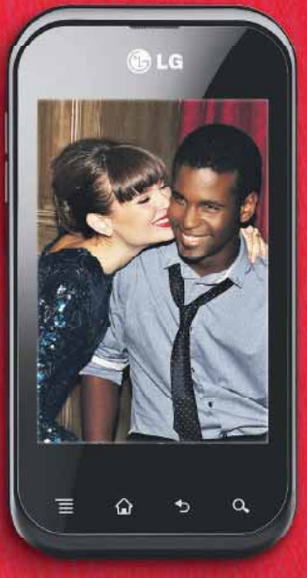

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Houston fans seek place to mourn

As Whitney's family asks for privacy while they grieve, fans denied public memorial — for now

In Whitney Houston's hometown, her family plans a private church service, with no public memorial set. In Los Angeles, where she died, there's not even a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for fans to pile flowers. So for the legion of music lovers mourning a global superstar, where do broken hearts go?

Fans who have gathered outside the church where Houston will be eulogized Saturday at an invitation-only service — and outside the funeral home where her body now rests — say they understand why the family wants to keep the world out the best they can. But they also yearned for the chance to fully share in the grief and the remembrance of a native daughter who made it big and made them proud.

Samuel Turner Jackson, of Newark, said he was looking forward to heading down to "The Rock," as the Prudential Center is known. Before, that is, the funeral home announced Tuesday that no public service would be held at the 18,000-seat arena, an option that had been discussed.

The arena, home to the NHL's New Jersey Devils, displayed an image of Houston on a screen outside Tuesday. "We don't know what the circumstances are, but we're sure that the family did want to share something with the community that she gave so much to," Jackson said. "But they have their reasons, and we're going to do the best we can to pay our respects and to mourn her."

Antonio Ballinger, also of Newark, hoped to attend a public service and "see her off," and said he was saddened to hear he wouldn't get the opportunity.

"But my blessings go out to the family, and I wish them nothing but the best," he said.

The family said Tuesday it had no plans right now for a public memorial. Still, fans in this downtrodden city held out hope.

"Maybe at some point down the road, they might do something," said B.J. Frazier, of East Orange. "It's like they're saying today, they shared her for a long time and they just want her to themselves for now."

Houston, a sensation from her first, eponymous album in 1985, was one of the world's bestselling artists from the mid-1980s to the late 1990s, turning out such hits as I Wanna Dance With Somebody, How Will I Know, The Greatest Love of All and I Will Always Love You. But as she struggled with drugs, her majestic voice became raspy, and she couldn't hit the high notes.

Houston, 48, died Saturday at a hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif., just hours before she was scheduled to perform at producer Clive Davis' pre-Grammy Awards bash. Officials say she was underwater and apparently unconscious when she was pulled from a bathtub.

Authorities said an autopsy found no indications of foul play or obvious signs of trauma on Houston. It could be weeks, however, before the coroner's office completes toxicology tests to establish the cause of death.

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Album sales

- Since Whitney Houston's death, her album sales have been boosted by almost 6,000 per cent. Data released Tuesday showed that Houston's album sales for the week ending Sunday — the day after her death — were at 101,000. The week earlier, she had sold just 1,700 copies of her albums.

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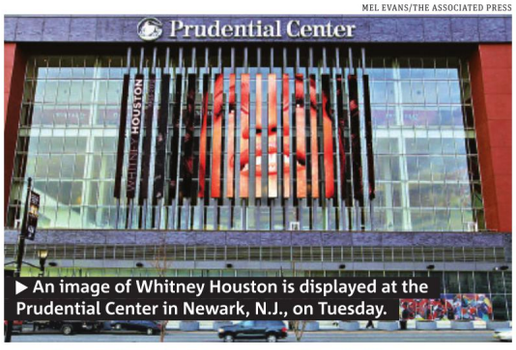

▶ An image of Whitney Houston is displayed at the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J., on Tuesday.

Whitney's daughter 'better'

- Bobby Brown says daughter Bobbi Kristina is doing "much better" after being hospitalized following the death of her mother, Whitney Houston. The 18-year-old was taken to a Los Angeles hospital Sunday after Houston's death the day before. A source previously said she was treated and released for stress and anxiety. In a statement Wednesday, Brown pleaded for privacy.

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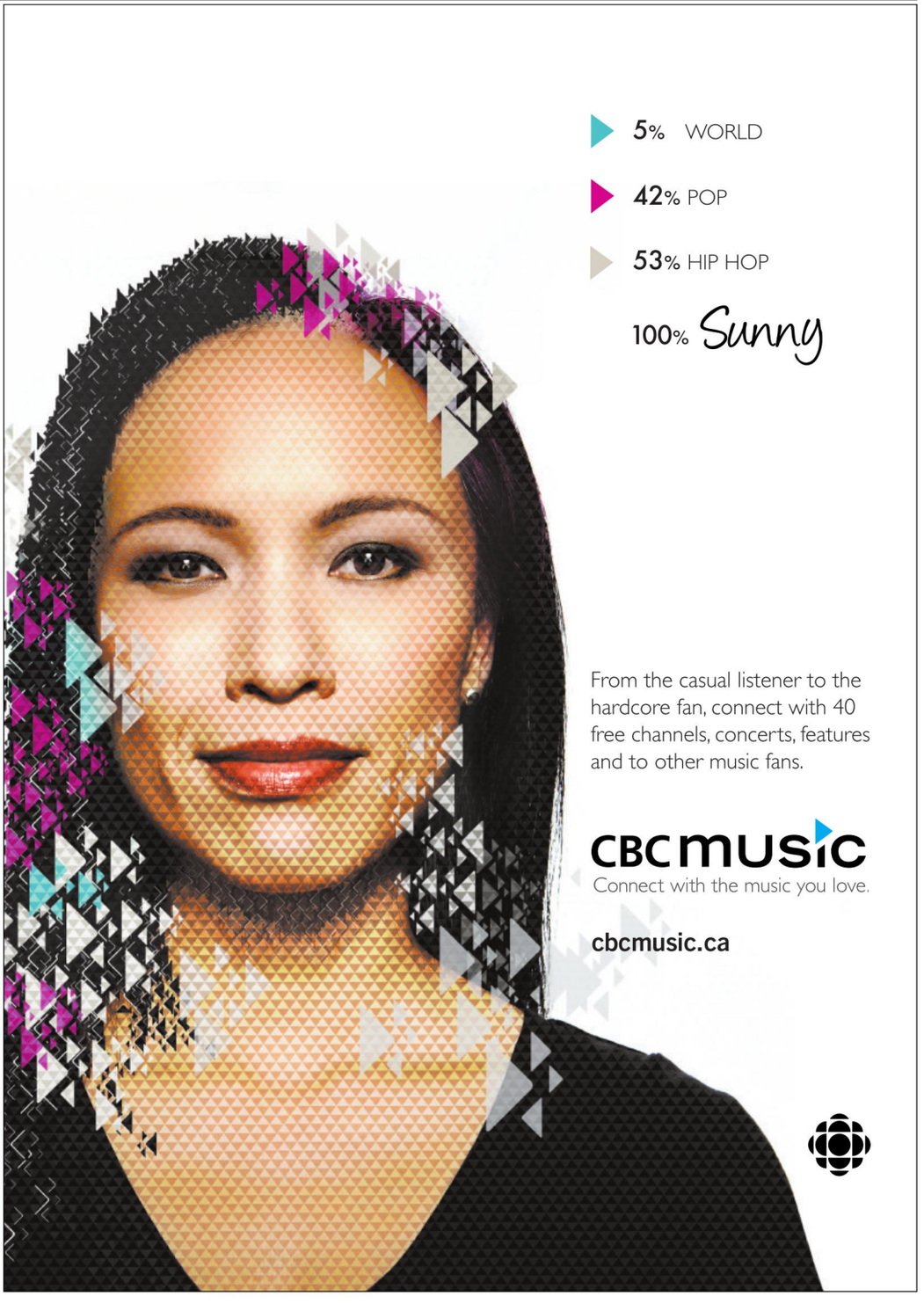
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Kate Winslet doesn't want to see herself in 3-D

Kate Winslet is bracing herself for the 3-D re-release of Titanic 15 years after it originally came out.

The actress has already seen 17 minutes of footage, and it wasn't necessarily a pleasant experience.

"I was literally like, 'Oh my God, make it stop. Is that me? Oh my God, that's me. Block my ears, somebody. Somebody club out my senses. Make it f—ing stop,'" Winslet tells USA Today. "I'm sure I wasn't really a very good actress. Seriously, we are talking about something that happened 15 years ago. It is a very long time ago." Don't worry, Kate. We have a feeling everyone in the audience will have the exact same reaction.

▶ Kate Winslet

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Will Bobby attend Whitney's funeral?

THE WORD

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Whitney Houston's funeral will be held on Saturday at her childhood church, the New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, the church pastor said Tuesday night.

The invitation-only funeral will probably be attended by 1,500 or so people, with the public not invited. But there's one person whose inclusion on the invite list is still up in the air: Houston's ex-husband, Bobby Brown. Tmz.com reports that the singer is "extremely disappointed" after hearing that several members of Houston's family do not want him to attend Saturday's service. Apparently, Houston's family isn't "fond of him" (um, understatement of the century, TMZ). The site reports that Brown wants to go to support Bobbi Kristina, but hasn't "decided on a plan of action yet."

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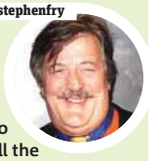
▶ Bobby Brown and Whitney Houston

However, we do know Brown will be on the East Coast as he is scheduled to perform with his group New Edition on Saturday at the Mohegan Sun Arena. The Sun's publicist sent out a release yesterday saying that, as of then, Brown was still scheduled to perform.

Celebrity tweets

@ladygaga
Been working like a crazy bitch all day. Need to smoke a joint or something; or maybe just a good punch in the face. PROPS PROPS PROPS.

@stephenfry

It's 6.50 am in Sydney. Got an hour or so to wait till the flight to Wellington and then I shall finally be in Hibbety-Hobbity land. Hurrah.

@kathygriffin

Should I have worn underwear???

@alecbaldwin

I want a Grammy. I just want it.

Chris Brown brushes off his haters

Good work, America. Chris Brown is taking all of the negative attention people have showered on him since Sunday's Grammy Awards to heart and is now on a Twitter rampage about it. He tweeted last night: "HATE ALL U WANT BECUZ I GOT A GRAMMY Now! That's the ultimate F-CK OFF!"

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- Check out five fabulous shows that had us anxious for next fall to arrive

New York runway roundup

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DONNA KARAN COLLECTION

Karan opened with her Casual Luxe collection, which, according to the press notes, was "tailored for the streets of New York" yet on the runway appeared to stem from Balmoral Scotland. These were heavily-layered cold-weather looks with cosy, chunky shearling outerwear: oversized tartan blanket knits and sweeping kilts. It was a strong, covetable collection.

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JASON WU

For Wu, the process of transforming his soft and über-feminine muse into a proper badass force to be reckoned with meant going back to his Chinese roots, and exploring images of the country throughout history from the Qing dynasty to the Mao jacket. That translated into a series of beautifully-executed military coats and jackets loaded with rich Far East details and innovative construction.

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RAG & BONE

As temperatures in New York dropped, Marcus Wainwright and David Neville's dense layering didn't seem like a bad idea. Who wouldn't want a chic and cosy blanket coat to toss over a trouser suit like this strong opening look? The only problem is that heavy layering can only go so far before it adds awkward lumps. Look for their perfectly cool separates and coats in stores, but maybe play with layers before imitating this runway styling.

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MARC JACOBS

Marc Jacobs, New York's most prominent and influential architect of trends, showed a directional collection of multi-layered ensembles that made subtle nods to the Queen's land. From the first look out — a giant, furry Stephen Jones' hat and piled-on outfit that included a cape worn over a voluminous coat on top of a slick, tiled, opalescent, dress over cropped trousers and pilgrim shoes — the show had an air of madcap sobriety to it.

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There was a polished sophistication to Thakoon Panichgul's clothes, best exemplified in the shift dresses and ruffled coats. But there were twists: a coatdress pinched at the waist seemed prim until the model turned the corner, where sexy black leather cut-outs in the back were revealed. The designer then kicked the feminine factor into high gear with sweet peacock feather embroidery and a palette of bright fuchsia and cranberry.

Jeanne Space

In this hectic modern world, Twitter has become a cool and succinct way of communicating. It allows me to be accessible, instantly speak my mind, and connects me with all kinds of people. Whether it's a fashion question or you just want to comment on life's bigger picture, I'd love to hear from you.

@Jeanne_Beker:

NYC here I come! And surprise - the lovely + talented @Joey-Oneil is coming along with me. Hope to grab some mom + daughter time on the job!

▶ Backastage as @CocoRocha gets her Geisha-style make-up applied by MAC's Kabuki for Zac Posen.

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CHRISTOPHER GABELLO

▶ Designer Wes Gordon

Congrats on the win. You're on everyone's one-to-watch list lately. How do you stay so poised?

Well, now I'm scared. I was fine until you said that. [Laughs] There's not time to think about anything except your to-do list for the next hour. It's just crazy busyness. I'm rapidly getting grey hair.

Your clothes have a mature sensibility to them. Have you always been more sophisticated than your peers?

I've always been an old soul. When I was in preschool, I used to insist on wearing suspenders and ties to school. I definitely have an aesthetic emerging.

What are you loving seeing women wear these days? What are you over?

I'm very much a tailored person. We made a beautiful wide-leg pant last season that did really well, and these long, really Katharine Hepburn-y silhouettes of sharp tailoring. That's, like, the chicest thing to me, especially in winter. I'm really not into all-over sequins.

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By Janine Falcon

Get your complexion in top shape with new devices, explained by Kit expert Dr. Shimon Eckhouse

The latest light-emitting-diode (LED) devices target skin with red light, blue light and intense pulsed light (IPL) to firm skin and clear the complexion, says Eckhouse, the co-founder of Syneron, the company that owns Tanda, makers of light-therapy devices. "In a living cell, you have many molecules that interact with different light wavelengths," he says.

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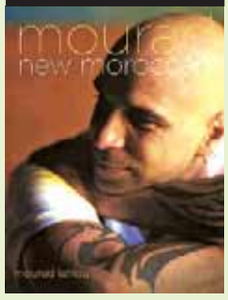

After spending the last decade and a half at his Michelin-starred San Francisco restaurant developing modern Moroccan cuisine, Mourad Lahlou now takes his culinary talents to the pages of his recently-released book New Moroccan.

The book is anything but a dutifully authentic documentation of Moroccan home cooking.

Although the great classics (basteeya, couscous, preserved lemons), are included, they are all adapted to take the idea of Moroccan cooking to a new level.

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▶ This recipe serves four.

Preparation:

1. Cook couscous according to package directions.
2. In a resealable bag, combine turkey with 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each of the paprika, cumin, salt and pepper and half of the oil. Marinate for at least 30 minutes and up to 1 day.
3. In a large, non-stick skillet, heat remaining oil over medium-high heat. Brown turkey on both sides and transfer to a plate (it will not be cooked through).
4. Cook onion until tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in carrots, fennel and remaining paprika, cumin, salt and pepper and cook for 3 minutes. Sprinkle with apricots and olives, pour in orange juice and broth, scraping up any brown bits from the bottom of the pan. Nestle turkey into vegetables, reduce heat to medium-low to maintain a simmer, cover and cook until turkey is cooked through and vegetables are tender-crisp, about 15 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley and serve over couscous. **ONTARIO TURKEY/ THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Ingredients:

- 250 ml (1 cup) Israeli or traditional couscous
- 5 ml (1 tsp) paprika
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cumin
- 5 ml (1 tsp) each sea salt and fresh cracked pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 4 turkey cutlets
- 1 small onion, peeled and sliced
- 2 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 1/2 fennel bulb, sliced
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped dried apricots
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) pitted olives, halved
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) orange juice
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) turkey or chicken broth
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) parsley

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▶ This recipe serves six.

A stuffed-roasted lamb affair

Preparation:

1. In a sauté pan heat 15 mL (1 tbsp) of oil over medium heat. Add the onion, season with salt and 1 ml (1/4 tsp) of pepper and cook 4 mins. or until the onion is soft and translucent. Add apple and cider vinegar; continue to cook 4 mins. or until the apple is soft. Remove from heat; cool slightly.
2. Lay lamb flat on cutting board and make horizontal cut through centre of lamb and open two sides like a book. Place cooled apple mix inside and close two sides of lamb. Using butcher twine, gently tie lamb to enclose filling and ensure even cooking.
3. In bowl, combine rosemary, thyme, sea salt and remaining pepper and oil; stir to combine. Gently rub rosemary mix over surface of lamb.
4. Place stuffed lamb in lightly oiled roasting pan and roast in 190 C (375 F) oven basting occasionally with pan juices 40 to 50 mins. or until thermometer registers 70 C (160 F) for medium rare or desired doneness, remove pan from oven and let lamb rest 10 mins. before slicing. **ONTARIO APPLE GROWERS, ONAPPLES.COM/ THE CANADIAN PRESS/ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS, A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA.**

Ingredients:

- 45 ml (3 tbsp) canola oil
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) diced onion
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 6 ml (1 1/4) tsp black pepper
- 250 ml (1 cup) peeled, cored and diced apple
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) cider vinegar
- 1 trimmed boneless leg of lamb
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) roughly chopped fresh rosemary
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) thyme leaves
- 10 ml (2 tsp) coarse sea salt

Events Aplenty

Inside or outside, there is no shortage of Family Day activities

ASTRID VAN DEN BROEK
FOR METRO

Looking to get out for Family Day? Rally your troops and head to one of the many events going on around Toronto.

TOUR YOUR CITY

When is the last time you have gone up the CN Tower? If it's been awhile, then this weekend is your chance — if you buy tickets online for Family Day weekend, you can score 25 per cent off your admission throughout the weekend.

Or take in the Gardiner Museum Monday where your family can participate in the afternoon's Family Drumming Workshop. Find out how to turn ordinary ice cream buckets or cardboard boxes into drums and inspire your jamming skills.

At the Art Gallery of Ontario, its afternoon program, Family Workshop: Shadows and Light, lets you explore using shadow and light in projects such as glow-in-the-dark painting, tunnel books and more. It's best to preregister to secure a spot and remember that admission is discounted by 20 per cent on family passes.

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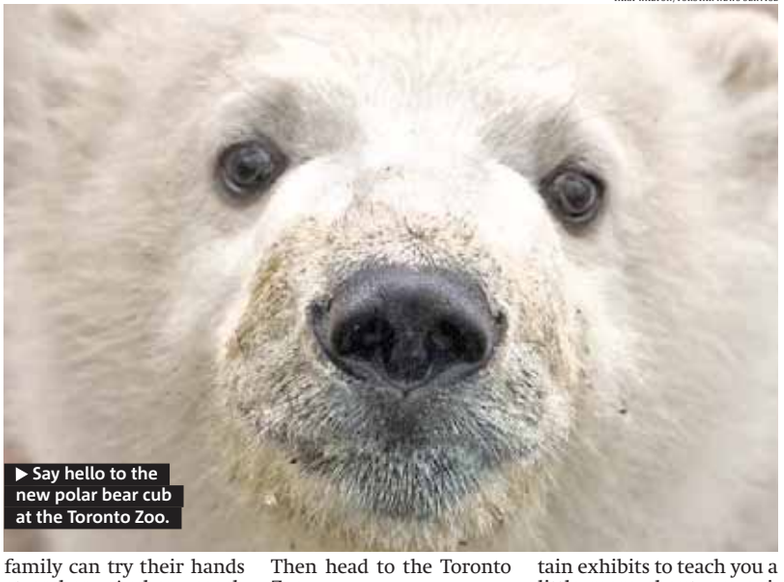

▶ Say hello to the new polar bear cub at the Toronto Zoo.

At Casa Loma, the entire family can try their hands at archery. Archery coach Shawn Adams will not only help you learn about the sport, but he will also host archery classes Monday. Note that children participating need to be at least nine years old and since classes are limited to five participants, call ahead and book a spot.

Prefer to be outside? Then head to the Toronto Zoo.

"Our newest zoo family member, our baby polar bear cub, is on exhibit and your family could even participate in naming the little guy," says Katie Gray, the zoo's supervisor of public relations.

"And for Family Day weekend, there will be 'Family Tree' signs at certain exhibits to teach you a little more about our animals."

COOK TOGETHER

Toronto food studio Le Dolci has two Family Day cupcake decorating classes where you and your gang can ice cupcakes, drink organic hot chocolate and pick up two-for-one Family Day treats.

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▶ The CN Tower.

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▶ Casa Loma.

ALL OUT FUN

The International Centre in Mississauga is home to Kid-Fest in which your kids can trounce through and bounce on multiple inflatables such as the Grand Prix, Candyland and more, score a pony ride, get their faces painted and much, much more. Or over at Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park, hours are extended from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ghosts, rides, science or pizza making will keep everyone amused

KELLY PUTTER
FOR METRO

Celebrating Family Day with loved ones is what it's all about this weekend so here are a few ways to help heighten the fun.

Looking for a ghost in your closet? Look no further than Casa Loma, where a pair of renowned ghost trackers will lead your family through a ghoulish tour Sunday. Tickets are $16 plus HST for kids and $28 plus HST for adults.

March your little soldiers to Fort York National Historic Site Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. when kids can try an 1812 drill class, play old-fashioned games or sample treats right out of the hearth in the historic kitchen. Admission is pay what you can.

If rides and carnival games are more your thing, try the Family Fun Fair at the Rogers Centre Saturday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For ticket info go to rogerscentre.com.

Or check out Family Day Fest at Downsview Park for another take on the weekend-long indoor amusement park. See familydayfest.ca for more details.

Let dreams take flight this weekend as the Ontario Science Centre offers workshops on how to make parachutes, kites and paper planes, then tests them in simulated situations. Also, watch live flight demos of different raptor species. See ontariosciencecentre.ca for more.

Kids younger than 14 can learn to make their own pizza at Piola, a Queen Street West restaurant. The $10 pizza experience runs Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 416-477-4652 or visit piola.it for details.

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▶ Head to Harbourfront for HabourKIDS SK8, which offers free skating during the weekend.

Save your pennies

Many free activities on tap for Family Day weekend

ASTRID VAN DEN BROEK
FOR METRO

There's no need to spend a bucket load of money for Family Day weekend when there are so many free events going on in the city. Here's a look at some of the hot events that will help save your pennies.

Hoping to score a family skate? Head to Harbourfront for HarbourKIDS SK8, which is free skating throughout the weekend. Other family-oriented events will also be held at Harbourfront throughout the weekend, such as skateboard making demos, an Ice Cave Aurora Borealis, sculpting with Lego, learning how to design your own hockey mask and more.

Also outside and free to members and children younger than the age of five is Chocolate: The Exhibition at Toronto's Royal Botanical Gardens. Going on all weekend long, this event is home to a number of chocolate-themed activities including story time about chocolate, interactive workshops including chocolate tasting and making, documentaries and interactive programs all about the yummy stuff and a session of make-and-take chocolate creations.

Or if you and your family are more the indoor types, head to the Bell Lightbox where a number of free family movie screenings are being held over the Family Day weekend. Catch films such as The Flying Classroom, Circus Dreams and other flicks.

Or if your kids want to try their hand at DIY filmmaking, NFB Mediatheque is offering free animation workshops. (Throughout the weekend, NFB will also be screening free all-ages NFB films.)

Also indoors is a free Family Day Lunch concert with the band Oozakazoo. This band, made up of two dads, is performing three shows Monday in the Gladstone Hotel's Melody Bar. (Reserve a table ahead to ensure you get in.)

More free events

- **Kingsway BIA's** inaugural Family Day on Saturday includes a carnival, maple taffy demos and more.
- **Beach BIA's** fifth annual Family Day Festival offers events including hula hoop and juggling workshops, and a performance by Jack Grunsky.
- **Waterfront BIA's** Family Day lineup includes the Woofjocks Canine Performance Team and indoor entertainment at the Queen's Quay Terminal.

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The project overview

With phase two coming in March, the 6th Condominiums at Angus Glen will be Markham's premiere residential golf course community. This boutique development has the allure of top quality resort amenities and the convenience of an historic Unionville locale.

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- **WEBSITE:** kylemorecommunities.com
- **PHONE:** 905-887-9950
- **SIZES:** From 656 to 1,705 sq. ft.
- **PRICING:** From $450,000 to $1.4 million

Location and transit

Just north of Toronto, the 6th is conveniently located close to the 404 and 407 highways and the Buttonville airport. Close to the nearby Markham GO station, commuters can reach downtown Toronto in about 30 minutes.

In the neighbourhood

These condos are located in a golfer's paradise, surrounded by numerous world-class courses, the Bruce Creek and lush parklands. There's fine dining, shops and cafés in the nearby town of Markham, and plenty of shopping at the Markville shopping centre. Several schools are nearby.

Building amenities

There's a fully-equipped exercise room with yoga studio, whirlpool and saunas. Residents will also have a party room with bar and catering kitchen and a private dining room. Relax in the outdoor swimming pool surrounded by cabanas and dining areas and take advantage of a guest suite and concierge service.

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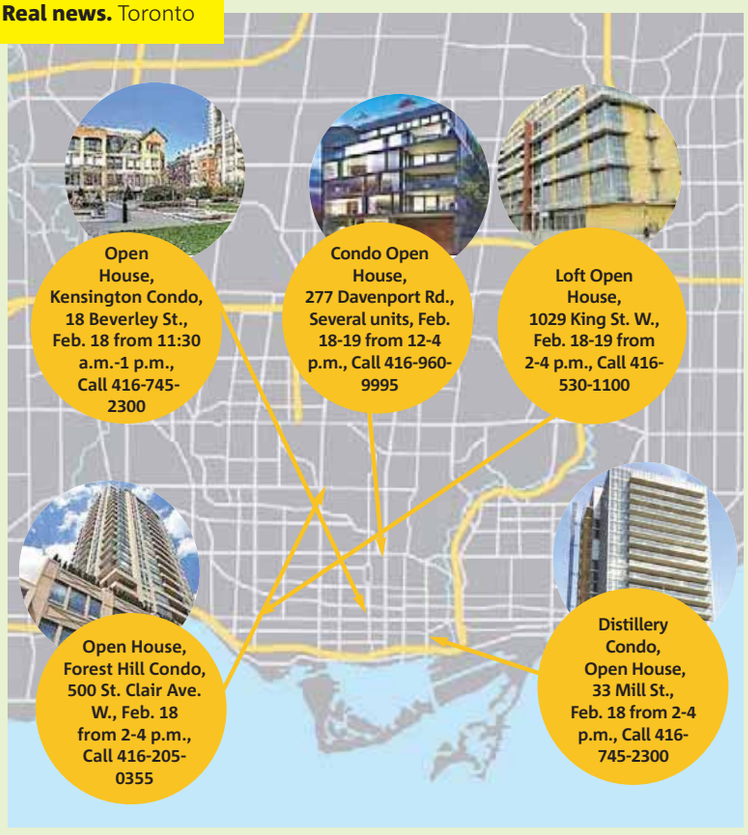
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Distillery Condo, Open House, 33 Mill St., Feb. 18 from 2-4 p.m., Call 416-745-2300

'BILDERS' SHINE IN ORLANDO

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Last week, BILD members took to the skies and descended in Orlando, Florida to take part in the international home building, sales and marketing competition known as The Nationals — presented by the U.S. National Association of Home Builders.

With awards in 47 categories up for grabs, our members came out locked and loaded with an astounding 85 appearances in the finalist list.

Team BILD garnered 15 awards and while we should have been thinking about how to explain all these trophies to customs, all we could think about was how awesome it felt to achieve this level of success in an awards show traditionally dominated by the Americans.

The fact that this wasn't the first time we have done so well at the Nationals is just the icing on the cake!

The biggest winners of the night were no doubt the Daniels Corporation and their agency, Montana Steele Advertising, whose efforts for Cinema Tower in Toronto earned them six trophies, including the prestigious Urban Community of the Year award. Montana Steele also picked up a seventh award in the Best Radio Commercial category for Lanterra Developments' Treviso II.

Another Toronto advertising agency L.A. Inc. received five awards for their work on The Station by Brandy Lane Homes (2), Peter Street Condos by CentreCourt Developments (2) and B.streets condos by Lindvest Properties.

A personal highlight of the night came at the announcement of this year's Building Industry Community Spirit recipients where the Race for Humanity — an Amazing Race style fundraiser for BILD's community partner Habitat for Humanity that takes place at our annual Charity BBQ — was recognized for the second time in three years. Liberty Developments was also recognized for its $2 million contribution to the Markham Stouffville Hospital last October.

In yet another special moment, long-standing BILD member Andrew Brethour of PMA Brethour Group was also presented with a much-deserved Legends of Residential Marketing award for his decades of service to this industry. Andrew's accomplishments are too many to list and his contributions to this Association are extraordinary.

For a full list of winners, visit thenationals.com.

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‘Honey, I shrunk the condo’

Feel like you’re living in a shoebox? You’re not alone What to do when your family starts to grow and a detached house isn’t an option

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As Toronto condos get smaller and smaller, and prices go higher and higher, potential buyers are looking for ways to get the most amount of space from their investments.

With the intent of keeping condos more affordable, builders have opted to make smaller units geared toward those downsizing, and the single, urban businessperson. They’ve managed to cleverly fit two bedrooms into floor plans as small as 570 square feet, albeit at the expense of closet and living space.

For a young couple looking to start a family, a detached home may be out of their league and condo living may be their only viable option.

Real estate analyst Brian Persaud says that Toronto buyers are getting frustrated with the detached housing market. “What we’re seeing with detached homes a lot of people complain; there’s bidding wars, I’m getting $800,000 and it’s going to be a two-bedroom with one washroom.”

Knock down some walls

One creative solution for creating more space is to purchase two units side-by-side and to remove the adjoining wall in between. This has been a popular condo trend in other cities and Toronto builders may now be looking to do the same. Persaud was “following trends of what was happening in other places that have had a significant condo market for a couple of years, and in New York it’s very popular.”

Toronto purchaser Vicky Zemelman found a practical solution for her family, but without removing any walls. “We bought two units at the Yorkville Plaza. They are side-by-side to each other, but one unit was for my use personally and one unit was for my parents who are snowbirds. They’re not here most of the year and so basically it’s just a way of me keeping an eye on the place for them.”

Time to take the ‘mini’ out of condominiums?

Tarik Gidamy is the co-founder and broker of record at TheRedPin.com realty. He questions the wisdom of merging units together. “You would pay for two kitchens and two sets of everything, and then for resale, I have to sell this to someone who is exactly in my type of situation.”

He says the solution lies in simply making bigger condos. “There is a need for two or three bedrooms in 1,200 square feet. I think a lot of developers are actually in the know of this and they do their research. They know they have a location that is conducive toward either families or kids that are studying.”

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▶ Many developers are aware of the need for bigger condos, says Tarik Gidamy, co-founder of TheRedPin.com realty.

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CHARLES THE BUTLER

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Dear Charles the butler,
I am facing a really strange problem. My husband wears leather jackets in size XL. However, the jackets bought from Roots, Danier, etc. come with a hanger that seems to be too small for the XL jackets.

They leave at least two inches of shoulder hanging unsupported by the hanger. The jackets are getting out of shape really quickly. What should I do? Please help.
Thank you,
Trish

Dear Trish,
I have a couple of suggestions that should give you some good solutions for this problem.

Firstly, a strange but good temporary solution would be to cut some paper towel tubes lengthwise and place one on each side of the hanger where the coat hangs, thus elongating the hanger by a few inches to at least give the coat some stability and shape until a proper hanger can be found.

This may be hard to imagine, but the paper towel tube can be adjusted to the length you need and really does work on a short-term basis.

Secondly, look up a larger-size clothing store in your area and see if they will sell you a few oversized hangers that will properly fit the coats.

If that fails, Wm. Prager Ltd., sells hangers to the trade (and my butler school) so they have a very large inventory and are a great Canadian source.

And finally, the Rolls Royce solution is Henry Hanger in New York City. They manufacture any size hanger you could ever want or need and will even put your initials on the hanger should you so choose!

I know this last option is extreme, but I have used them for some of my very fancy clients and they are really good and will solve the problem.

HAVE A QUESTION? SEND A MESSAGE TO ASKCHARLESTHEBUTLER@METRONEWS.CA

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▶ Larger-size clothing needs bigger hangers.

PROBLEMS REFINANCING

LEGAL MATTERS

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My sisters and I are attempting to refinance our family cottage with our mom, who is having difficulty interacting and therefore we need to use our power of attorney for her signature. We approached the bank to increase the amount of financing on the cottage and they would not process the transaction at the bank. It was indicated that we needed to engage a lawyer to assist us with this process. We had the financing instructions forwarded to our lawyer and she attempted to perform her due diligence on the title to the cottage. It turns out that there are three portions and only two of them have the original Line of Credit on them while the third portion has another amount. To make matters worse, two of the portions are still in the old Land Registry system while one has been converted to Land Titles. Our lawyer says it is a mess and it will take some time and cost to clean it up. What can we do?

It sounds like you have a problem on your hands that is not going to be an easy fix. I can only surmise that along the way, when you were refinancing with the bank that they applied the secured Line of Credit to two out of three portions of the property. Realistically, all three portions should be under the same registration system in order to proceed with new financing.

It may have happened at the bank level when they refinanced or perhaps when one of your former lawyers set about to transfer the property. Either way, it sounds as though you need to head off on a fact-finding mission to determine how to finish this process. You should engage the services of your lawyer to assist you. Unfortunately, this may be a costly process for which you may have no recourse.

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With condos getting smaller and our need for consumption ever-growing, it's time to look at displaying our stuff up and off the floors and tables. Freeing up the floor, counters and tabletops is the best way to make your space look more spacious and organized.

Listen up

Investing in wall-hung electronics keeps consoles clutter-free. Just remember to hide the cords. Flat-screen TVs, stereos and speakers are all available to be hung instead of taking up valuable console space. The BeoSound 8 from Bang & Olufsen ($1,200) can be wall-mounted and displays tablets and plays other sound devices.

Entertain it

Creating an entertainment centre doesn't mean adding another cabinet to the living room; simply mount everything under existing cupboards. Under cupboard racks and wall shelving keeps all bar accessories at hand. The 6-bottle Wine And Glass Rack from Bed Bath & Beyond ($40) keeps the well-stocked bar in view at all times.

Hang it

Hooks keep everything off the floor. Put them everywhere: behind doors, inside the walls of closets and under the island bar; a great place to hang a purse or shopping bag.

The Flip Coat Rack from UMBRA ($30) has hooks that hinge down when in need and tuck away when not in use. No more sore shoulders on the way to the bathroom at night.

Give it a lift

- **Install a floating shelf** above each bedroom door and in upper closets.
- **Stack your towel bars on the wall;** bottom ones for bath towels and upper ones for hand towels.
- **Free up kitchen counter space** with under-cupboard coffee makers and toaster ovens.

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▶ The BeoSound 8 audio system, Bang & Olufsen

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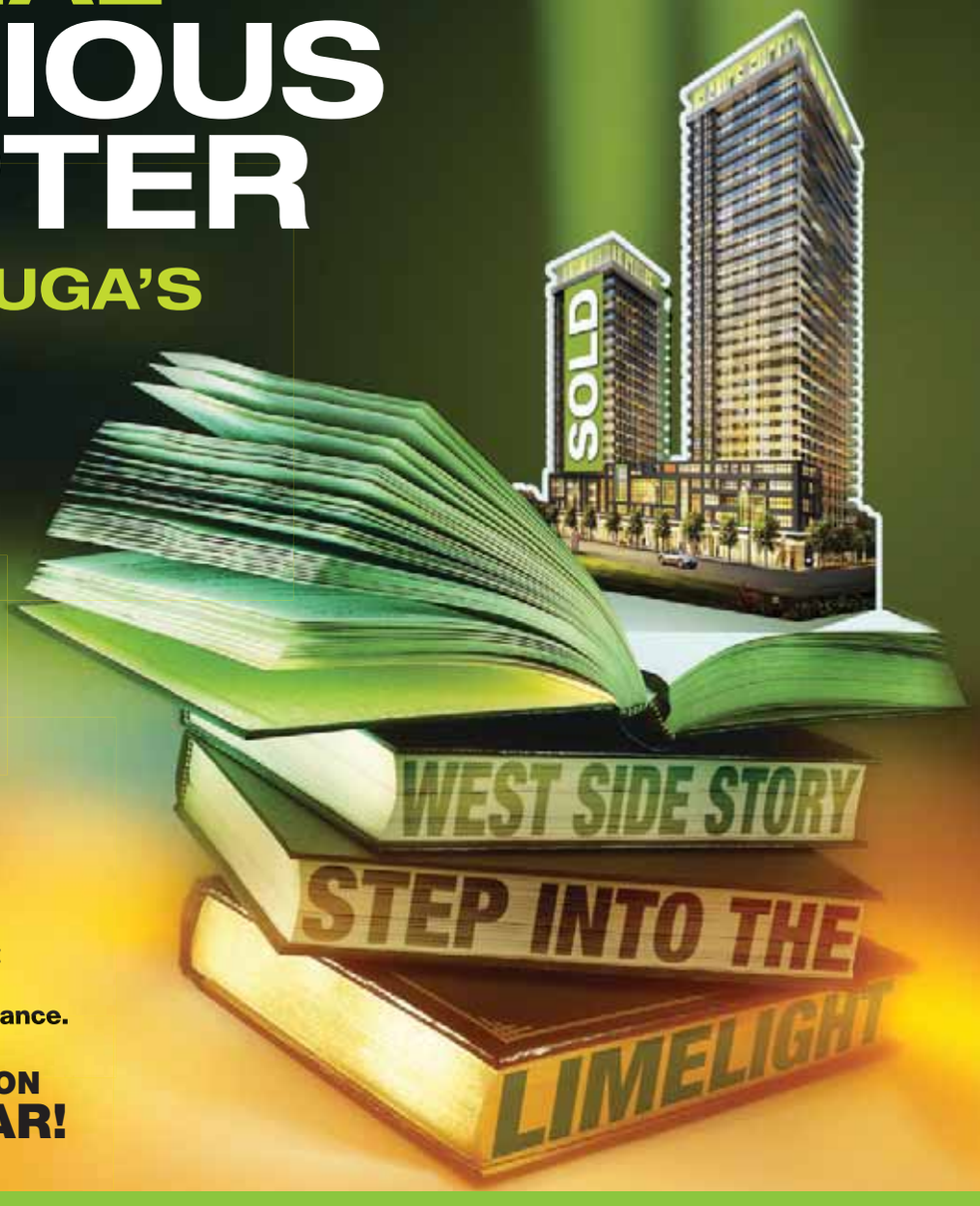

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Pull off prints

Forget monastic minimalism — deck your home in zinging prints

DIY IDEAS

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

"Prints and patterns have been huge trends for the last few years and shows no sign of slowing down," says Tricia Guild, the founder and creative director of Designers Guild. "They offer a sense of modernity that plain textiles and walls just do not have."

Print wallpaper and upholstery may read like a throwback to a bygone age — I quiver at the thought of my grandparents' upholstery and strangely yellowed, bronze wallpaper. But today's prints are inspiringly vibrant and make for a room that you'd actually want to spend time in. As Guild puts it, "Prints lend themselves to a more eclectic look that reflects one's personality and spirit."

A harmonious clash

Nobody wants to create a home decor that is positively sick-making, so you need to "pick out a colour to link the clash — this way print clashes generally work," says Guild.

"In this blue sitting room, we've used more than eight patterns but the total effect is harmonious and full of character because the colour palette is restricted to a cobalt and white crispness," she says.

Print style guide

- Maintain a tight colour palette and include a neutral or white base
- Make sure there's some colour continuity running through your decor
- Show restraint when working with animal prints — you're not after a menagerie

Go easy on...

It's important to reel in your creative wild side, especially when it comes to decorating with animal prints and focus walls. Guild says: "Don't mix too many animal prints together and use a plain neutral, such as black, along the edges of curtains, cushions, rugs and lampshades."

On focus walls, she adds, "I think pattern all over the room is more up-to-date — the feature wall feels a bit passé in my view."

Prints to scale

You don't have to live in a sprawling urban palace to make prints work in your place. If you don't want prints to dominate, Guild suggests tempering the look by "choosing a wallpaper that is not too strong."

That means avoiding anything overtly in-your-face, and if you're sprucing up a smaller space, it'll be worth bearing this in mind: "Smaller-scale prints are best in tighter rooms, or just add accent print pieces like cushions or throws," says Guild. "However, there are no real rules and sometimes a large-scale pattern can look amazing."

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▶ "Prints reflect personality," like these....

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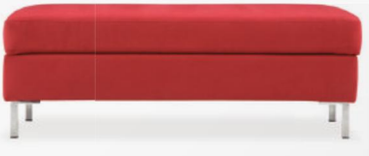

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The healing power of plants

We all need a bit of nature to nurture our mental and physical health The utilitarian look is having its moment, but an expert explains why we should be softening that steel-y image

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We've got some unfortunate news for those of you staring at a ceaseless urban sprawl of concrete, steel and glass with the only manifestation of nature being a safari travel poster: "We experience less stress when plants are around us and research shows that our mental functioning is much better," says Virginia Lohr, professor of horticulture and landscape architecture at Washington State University.

Although modern cities make day-to-day living more convenient, it's not in keeping with our basic human needs. "We evolved with plants and we have a preprogrammed, innate response to them because of their survival value — the same is true of the sun, clouds and oceans," explains Lohr.

"The more plants you can have around you the better. They help humanize."

VIRGINIA LOHR, PROFESSOR OF HORTICULTURE AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

So while we strip away swathes of green land in the name of progress, we could in fact not only be harming the environment but also our own well-being. It's a harmful effect that's carried into the home and workplace with city dwellers spending more time than ever working under florescent lights, heating and air conditioning.

"Interiors, especially in the winter time when the heating is on, cause colds, sore throats, headaches and the spread of airborne viruses," says Lohr.

Any plant can have a so-called effect on our mood; however species such as "the peace lily or Chinese evergreen grow well under low light, which can help reduce dust and air pollutants, as suggested by research," she continues.

The other great menace to health in modern environments is air humidity. In layman's terms, "any plant that needs to be watered more will put a greater level of water in the air. So for example a fern is going to better than a cactus for humidifying the air," adds Lohr.

It's certainly something to consider if you're falling ill to niggly coughs and colds. At the most base level the expert says, "The more plants you can have around you the better. They help humanize the environment, make us calmer and reduce violence," and that's no bad thing in our increasingly chaotic, 24-7 cities.

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▶ "The positive response to trees is innate."

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Green is the new black

A look at some of the Eco technology that will be on display at the Toronto auto show

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Even after 120 years of tinkering, automobile engines remain astonishingly inefficient. Only about 20 per cent of your gasoline's energy reaches the wheels — the rest is lost to engine heat and noise, along with electrical accessories.

But that's about to change.

The new Eco-Drive showcase at the Canadian International Autoshow highlights some of the most compelling technologies that will find their way into your next, more efficient, car. It's not just about electric vehicles anymore.

Gasoline Direct Injection

Direct injection is already transforming the industry. By squirting gas directly into each cylinder during the compression stroke, the liquid fuel evaporates and cools the air/fuel mixture, which helps prevent premature ignition (detonation) and allows for a higher compression ratio. Mazda's new Skyactiv 1.3-L engine works at an unprecedented 14:1 ratio. Advantages include better thermal efficiency, more torque, lower emissions and improved fuel economy.

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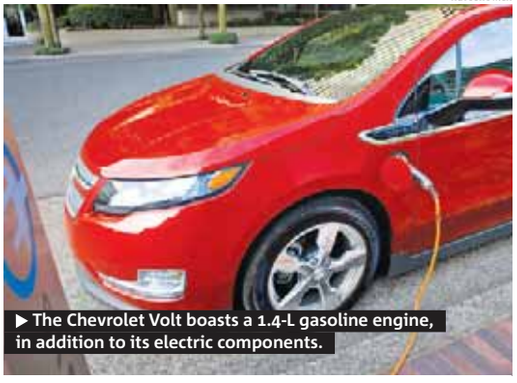

▶ The Chevrolet Volt boasts a 1.4-L gasoline engine, in addition to its electric components.

Electric Drive

The Nissan Leaf's 107-hp electric motor can optimally travel 160 km before its 24-kWh lithium-ion battery pack needs recharging — depending on topography, the weather (the cabin heater draws a lot of power) and other factors. An extension cord can recharge the batteries in 16 hours; the dryer-type 240-volt line can do it in eight. Other new electric-battery powered models include the Smart Fortwo electric-drive (ED) Cabriolet, the Ford Transit Connect Electric van and the Tesla Model S.

Extended-range Electric

To relieve "range anxiety" Chevrolet shoehorned a 1.4-L gasoline engine into its Volt that works like a generator to recharge its batteries when the car is too far away from home. Another variation is the new but familiar Toyota Prius Plug-In Hybrid, which offers owners the ability of charging their car at home so that the car's 1.8-L gas engine ignites less often around town, boosting its already stellar fuel economy. Both the Volt and the Prius Plug-In can run untethered as long as you like.

New Hybrids

Hybrid vehicles seamlessly combine a small, efficient gasoline engine with a strong electric motor working together or separately to propel the car. Examples you'll see include the Hyundai Sonata Hybrid and mechanically similar Kia Optima Hybrid, which make use of lighter, more efficient lithium-polymer batteries.

The two-seater Honda CR-Z hybrid features the option of a manual transmission — a rare treat. Even the high-performance Porsche Panamera offers an available hybrid powertrain.

More Technology Coming

Buick's eAssist system automatically stops and starts the engine momentarily every time the car comes to a rest to save fuel; Mercedes-Benz employs a similar system. Fiat's clever Multiair induction system uses hydraulic fluid to rapidly control the intake valve timing and throttle the engine for fuel savings of up to 10 per cent.

Ford has harnessed kenaf, a tropical plant related to okra, to replace oil-based materials in the doors of its all-new Ford Escape to make them lighter and save more fuel.

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▶ Kia GT

The auto show contains almost every vehicle on sale in Canada — and some that aren't. These are the concepts, and you can expect to see 15 of them in the manufacturers' booths this year.

The world's first concept car was the Buick "Y-Job" of 1938. Ever since, automakers have used these fanciful creations not just to attract attention, but to evaluate new designs, technologies and materials that often show up later in production models. So what will you see here in Toronto?

BMW

BMW presents the Vision ConnectedDrive, a stunning open-top roadster that brings together current and future technologies for mobile communication in a way that the vehicle is an integral part of the network.

Ford

Building on its Fiesta subcompact, Ford shows the high-performance Fiesta ST, which features an EcoBoost turbocharged 1.6-litre engine making 180 horsepower, along with a tuned suspension and sporty appearance. Lincoln is all about luxury with its MKZ Concept, which the company says "strongly hints" at the next-generation MKZ as well as future Lincoln design.

Kia

Kia shows off the GT, its very first rear-wheel-drive concept and one that also points to a future design direction.

Futuristic technology includes rear-view "mirrors" that are actually cameras.

Mazda

Mazda's Shinari has already handed over some of its DNA: several of its design elements were used in the 2013 Mazda CX-5 compact SUV. The company calls the Shinari's theme "KODO" or "Soul of Motion," and you can expect to see it in more new products in the future.

Subaru

Small is big these days, and Subaru presents its XV Concept, a crossover designed for maximum use in minimal spaces. The urban-oriented XV is a fresh new take on Subaru's familiar styling.

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4 sports

Sports in brief

Jeremy Lin put aside his record-setting scoring to hand out a career-best 13 assists, and the New York Knicks got back to .500 with their seventh straight victory, 100-85 over the Sacramento Kings on Wednesday night.

Lin added 10 points, focusing more on his role as a distributor while others torched the Kings for 51 per cent shooting.

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Parker scores 34 to lead team to ninth straight victory DeRozan has 29 points for Raps

SPURS	RAPTORS
113	106

RICK EGLINTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Leandro Barbosa tries to strip the ball from San Antonio's Manu Ginobili.

Tony Parker scored 34 points and had 14 assists as the San Antonio Spurs extended their winning streak to nine games with a 113-106 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Wednesday.

Forward Tiago Splitter had 13 for San Antonio (21-9), while shooting guard Danny Green had 13 points and seven rebounds.

Jose Calderon had 16 points and 11 assists for Toronto (9-22), which lost its third game in a row. DeMar DeRozan scored 29 points, while Amir Johnson had 10 points and seven rebounds.

The game was the Spurs' fifth straight on the road, part of a nine-game trip through the month of February while the rodeo is in San Antonio.

Splitter and Parker led the Spurs offence in the fourth quarter. Splitter scored eight points in the final period, while Parker had 14.

Although Toronto played hard defence, forcing several turnovers and bad shots, Parker and Splitter were not to be denied. Parker was particularly effective, going 8-for-8 from the free-throw line as the Raptors repeatedly fouled him.

Calderon and DeRozan scored six consecutive points to bring Toronto as close as 97-96, but the Raptors were unable to take the lead at any point in the fourth.

San Antonio's last 10 points of the game were all scored from free throws as Parker, Manu Ginobili and Gary Neal were all sent to the line by the Raptors.

Toronto returned from halftime with hot shooting hands. The Raptors did not miss a field-goal attempt in the first seven minutes of the third quarter, going 10-for-10.

The scoring streak was highlighted by DeRozan's reverse alley-oop dunk from Calderon to make it 66-64 for the Spurs and ignite the crowd of 15,999.

James Johnson tied it up for Toronto on the next play with a layup at the 6:10 mark of the quarter.

Unfortunately for the Raptors, they then missed three consecutive shots and San Antonio went on an 11-2 run to pull away again. At the end of three, the Spurs had reclaimed an 83-78 lead.

Toronto native Cory Joseph entered the game for the Spurs with 3:20 left in the second quarter to a small ovation. Joseph is the eighth Canadian NBA player to play at least a game in his home country. He joins the likes of Rick Fox, Steve Nash and Raptors centre Jamaal Magloire, amongst others.

Magloire had a point in 12 minutes of play for Toronto.

San Antonio built a 55-45 lead by halftime behind the play of its guards. Parker had 12 points and eight assists in the first two quarters, while Green led the Spurs with 13 points and seven rebounds.

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Fan favourite

Former Raptors forward Matt Bonner came off the bench to loud applause from the crowd with 2:32 left in the first quarter.

▶ Bonner scored a three-pointer seconds later.

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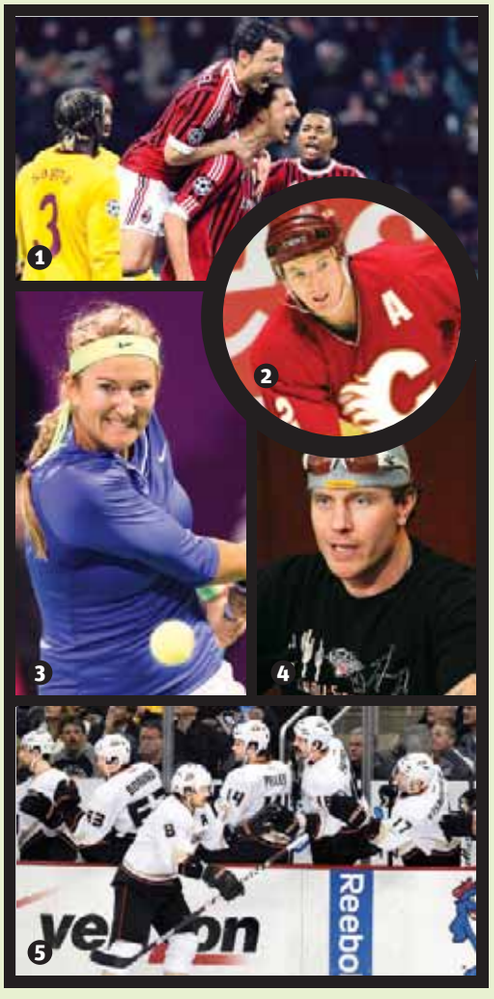

1 AC Milan outclassed Arsenal on Wednesday to plant one foot firmly in the Champions League quarter-finals, beating the English club 4-0 in the first leg of their round-of-16 series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 The Calgary Flames announced Wednesday that former blue-liner Al MacInnis will be honoured with a banner in the rafters at the Saddledome. MacInnis will be feted on Feb. 27 prior to a game against the St. Louis Blues. THE CANADIAN PRESS

3 Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka, in her first match as No. 1 seed, dispatched Mona Barthel 6-1, 6-0 at the Qatar Open Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 Texas Rangers slugger Josh Hamilton said on Glenn Beck's live streaming video network Wednesday that he's undergoing counselling after an admitted relapse with alcohol. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

5 Anaheim's Teemu Selanne scored his 19th goal of the season in the Ducks' 2-1 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Wednesday. It was the 656th of his career, moving him into a tie with Brendan Shanahan for 12th place on the NHL list. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Wally Buono wasted little time Wednesday retaining two key members of his Grey Cup-winning team.

The B.C. Lions GM highlighted the opening day of CFL free agency by agreeing to terms with veteran defensive backs Dante Marsh and Ryan Phillips. Buono reached a deal with Marsh just before he was scheduled to become a free agent before coming to terms with Phillips about two hours after he entered free agency. Marsh's contract is pending a physical after off-season shoulder surgery.

"Anytime you can hold on to your best players in the face of free agency it's a win for your club," Buono said. "Ryan has been very consistent ... he's a big part of a very solid foundation in our secondary.

"In Dante's case, we have reached an agreement that is subject to him receiving medical clearance to play. We're confident that hurdle will be cleared."

The top two available CFL free agents — slotback Andy Fantuz and offensive lineman Brendon LaBatte — remained unsigned Wednesday evening. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	55	37	13	1	4	156	110	79	18-6-0-2	19-7-1-2	8-1-0-1	W4
d-Boston	54	34	18	1	1	184	123	70	18-10-1-1	16-8-0-0	4-5-1-0	L1
d-Florida	55	27	17	5	6	141	152	65	14-5-1-6	13-12-4-0	6-3-0-1	W3
Philadelphia	56	31	18	2	5	182	169	69	13-9-1-4	18-9-1-1	3-4-0-3	L3
Pittsburgh	57	32	20	2	3	176	150	69	17-8-2-0	15-12-0-3	7-2-0-1	W2
New Jersey	56	32	20	1	3	158	156	68	15-10-0-3	17-10-1-0	6-2-0-2	W1
Ottawa	59	29	22	6	2	173	181	66	15-11-2-1	14-11-4-1	2-6-2-0	W1
Toronto	57	28	23	3	3	172	171	62	16-9-2-2	12-14-1-1	5-4-0-1	L4
Washington	56	28	23	2	3	156	160	61	19-8-0-2	9-15-2-1	3-4-2-1	L3
Winnipeg	58	26	26	3	3	140	164	58	16-9-0-2	10-17-3-1	4-6-0-0	L2
NY Islanders	56	24	24	5	3	134	160	56	12-13-5-0	12-11-1-2	5-3-1-1	W1
Montreal	57	23	25	2	7	152	154	55	11-12-2-5	12-13-0-2	6-4-0-0	L1
Tampa Bay	56	24	26	3	3	155	189	54	15-9-1-1	9-17-2-2	5-3-2-0	L2
Buffalo	56	24	26	3	3	137	162	54	13-11-3-3	11-15-0-0	5-4-0-1	L2
Carolina	57	21	25	7	4	147	175	53	14-12-0-3	7-13-7-1	5-1-3-1	W1

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d-Detroit	58	39	17	1	1	185	136	80	24-2-1-0	15-15-0-1	7-2-0-1	W4
d-Vancouver	56	35	15	0	6	180	139	76	16-6-0-4	19-9-0-2	7-0-0-3	W1
d-San Jose	54	31	17	3	3	158	130	68	18-9-2-0	13-8-1-3	5-4-0-1	W1
St. Louis	56	34	15	1	6	140	113	75	24-3-1-3	10-12-0-3	6-3-0-1	L1
Nashville	57	33	18	3	3	161	150	72	18-7-2-2	15-11-1-1	6-2-0-2	W1
Chicago	57	29	21	4	3	176	174	65	19-6-1-3	10-15-3-0	1-8-1-0	L9
Los Angeles	57	27	19	5	6	124	124	65	15-11-0-4	12-8-5-2	4-4-1-1	W1
Phoenix	57	27	21	3	6	149	146	63	14-10-2-2	13-11-1-4	6-2-0-2	L1
Calgary	57	27	22	4	4	139	152	62	16-8-1-1	11-14-3-3	6-2-1-1	W2
Colorado	57	28	25	3	1	146	159	60	16-13-0-1	12-12-3-0	4-4-1-1	L1
Dallas	56	28	25	0	3	146	160	59	15-11-0-2	13-14-0-1	4-5-0-1	L3
Minnesota	56	25	23	2	6	126	146	58	13-10-1-2	12-13-1-4	3-6-0-1	L5
Anaheim	57	24	24	4	5	148	165	57	15-13-2-0	9-11-2-5	7-1-1-1	W3
Edmonton	55	22	28	1	4	147	165	49	15-8-1-2	7-20-0-2	5-4-0-1	W1
Columbus	57	17	34	1	5	133	186	40	10-15-1-2	7-19-0-3	4-6-0-0	W1

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Last night's results
Anaheim 2 Pittsburgh 1
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Tuesday's results
Calgary 5 Toronto 1
Ottawa 4 Tampa Bay 0
N.Y. Islanders 3 Winnipeg 1
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Nashville 3 Chicago 2
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Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Chicago at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Winnipeg at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Anaheim at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

LATE TUESDAY

SENATORS 4, LIGHTNING 0

First Period
1. Ottawa, Karlsson 10 (Spezza, Butler) 1:04
Penalties — Stamkos TB (tripping) 1:24, Spezza Ott (tripping) 3:34, Butler Ott (goaltender interference) 9:04.
Second Period
2. Ottawa, Spezza 23 (Kuba, Karlsson) 16:32 (pp)
Penalty — Kubina TB (interference) 15:30.
Third Period
3. Ottawa, Spezza 24 (Butler, Michalek) 12:37
4. Ottawa, Spezza 25 (Gonchar) 18:58 (en)
Missed penalty shot — Turris Ott, 11:36.
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Ottawa	7	11	9	—27
Tampa Bay	10	11	7	—28

Goal — Ottawa: Anderson (W,26-19-6); Tampa Bay: Garon (L,17-15-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 1-2; Tampa Bay: 0-2.
Attendance — 17,488 (19,204) at Tampa, Fla.

ISLANDERS 3, JETS 1

First Period
1. Winnipeg, Thorburn 3 (Slater, Glass) 17:50
Penalties — None.
Second Period
2. N.Y. Islanders, Moulson 25 (Tavares) 3:55 (pp)
Penalties — Wheeler Wpg (tripping) 3:32, Grabner NYI (slashing), Bogosian Wpg (cross-checking) 8:26, Parenteau NYI (diving), Antropov Wpg (interference) 14:17, Tavares NYI (delay of game) 18:03.
Third Period
3. N.Y. Islanders, Parenteau 12 (Jurcina, Rolston) 1:36
4. N.Y. Islanders, Martin 7 (Parenteau) 19:07 (en)
Penalties — Rolston NYI (tripping) 5:50, Parenteau NYI (cross-checking) 11:26.
Shots on goal by

N.Y. Islanders	10	7	8	—25
Winnipeg	16	10	12	—38

Goal — N.Y. Islanders: Nabokov (W,14-14-0); Winnipeg: Pavelec (L,20-20-6). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — N.Y. Islanders: 1-1; Winnipeg: 0-3.
Attendance — 15,004 (15,004) at Winnipeg.

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First Period
1. Calgary, Tanguay 7 (Jokinen, Brodie) 4:43
2. Calgary, Jokinen 18 (Tanguay, Iginla) 8:13
3. Toronto, Bozak 13 (Lupul, Kessel) 16:42
Penalty — Komisarek Cal (interference) 12:47.
Second Period
4. Calgary, Byron 3, 9:15 (penalty shot)
Penalties — Bouma Cal (tripping) 12:21, Cammalleri Cal (tripping) 17:44.
Third Period
5. Calgary, Comeau 4 (Cammalleri, Kostopoulos) 15:09
6. Calgary, Iginla 22 (Tanguay) 17:44
Penalties — Butler Cal (holding) 10:34, MacArthur Tor (tripping) 18:23.
Shots on goal by

Toronto	17	13	12	—42
Calgary	12	7	15	—34

Goal — Toronto: Gustavsson (L,16-12-1); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,26-17-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Toronto: 0-4; Calgary: 0-2.
Attendance — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Malkin, Pgh	32	37	69
Stamkos, TB	37	25	62
Giroux, Pha	22	40	62
Kessel, Tor	30	31	61
Spezza, Ott	25	35	60
Lupul, Tor	22	37	59
H.Sedin, Vcr	12	46	58
Datsyuk, Det	15	42	57
Kovalchuk, NJ	25	31	56
Neal, Pgh	29	26	55
D.Sedin, Vcr	24	31	55
Tavares, NYI	22	33	55
Eberle, Edm	24	30	54
Hossa, Chi	21	33	54
Elias, NJ	19	35	54
Pominville, Buf	21	32	53
Toews, Chi	27	25	52
Karlsson, Ott	10	42	52
Selanne, Ana	18	33	51
Ra.Whitney, Phx	16	35	51
Parenteau, NYI	12	39	51
Hartnell, Pha	26	24	50
Kopitar, LA	17	33	50
St. Louis, TB	16	34	50

Not including last night's games

BASKETBALL

NBL

Last night's result
Saint John at Oshawa

Tuesday's result
Moncton 103 Summerside 97

Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Moncton at Summerside, 7 p.m.
Saint John at London, 7 p.m.

LACROSSE

NLL

WEEK SEVEN
Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.

TENNIS

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At Rotterdam, Netherlands
Singles — First Round
Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Nicolas Mahut, France, 6-4, 6-4.
Tomas Berdych (2), Czech Republic, def. Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-2.
Juan Martin del Potro (3), Argentina, def. Micahel Llodra, France, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-4.
Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, def. Matthias Bachinger, Germany, 7-6 (2), 6-2.
Alex Bogomolov, Jr., Russia, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-3, 0-1 (retired).
Karol Beck, Slovakia, def. Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 7-6 (6), 6-3.
Second Round
Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Lukasz Kubot, Poland, 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (2).
Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, 6-4, 6-7 (7), 6-1.
Doubles — First Round
Marcel Granollers and Marc Lopez, Spain, def. Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and **Daniel Nestor (1), Toronto**, 7-6 (5), 7-5.
Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, and Horia Tecau (3), Romania, def. Oliver Marach and Alexander Peya, Austria, 6-1, 7-5.

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At Bogota, Colombia
Singles — First Round
Marina Erakovic (1), New Zealand, def. Stefanie Voegele, Switzerland, 6-3, 6-4.
Paula Ormaechea, Argentina, def. Jelena Dokic (4), Australia, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Second Round
Timea Babos, Hungary, def. Romina Oprandi (3), Switzerland, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Mariana Duque-Marino, Colombia, def. Lourdes Dominguez Lino (7), Spain, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.
Lara Arruabarrena-Vecino, Spain, def. Eva Birnerova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-0.
Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, def. Valeria Savinykh, Russia, 6-2, 6-2.
Doubles — First Round
Eva Birnerova, Czech Republic, and Alexandra Panova (1), Russia, def. Karen Castiblanco, Colombia, and Paula Ormaechea, Argentina, 6-2, 6-0.
Timea Babos, Hungary, and Valeria Savinykh, Russia, def. Maria Abramovic, Croatia, and **Marie-Eve Pelletier (4), Repentigny, Que.**, 1-6, 6-3, 10-3 (tiebreak).

WTA QATAR TOTAL OPEN

At Doha, Qatar
Singles — Second Round
Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 6-1, 6-0.
Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Caroline Wozniacki (2), Denmark, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
Sam Stosur (3), Australia, def. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Agnieszka Radwanska (4), Poland, def. Anne Keothavong, Britain, 6-1, 6-2.
Marion Bartoli (5), France, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, 6-2, 6-0.
Monica Niculescu, Romania, def. Vera Zvonareva (6), Russia, 7-5, 3-2 (retired).
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Francesca Schiavone (7), Italy, 7-6 (4), 6-4.
Shahar Peer, Israel, def. Jelena Jankovic (8), Serbia, 7-6 (3), 6-2.
Christina McHale, U.S., def. Peng Shuai (12), China, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.
Petra Cetkovska, Czech Republic, def. Ana Ivanovic (13), Serbia, 6-4, 6-4.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (14), Russia, def. Maria Kirilenko, Russia, 6-4, 6-4.
Varvara Lepchenko, U.S., def. Julia Goerges (16), Germany, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5).

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	24	7	.774	—
d-Miami	23	7	.767	½
d-Philadelphia	20	10	.667	3½
Orlando	19	11	.633	4½
Atlanta	18	11	.621	5
Indiana	17	11	.607	5½
Boston	15	12	.556	7
New York	14	15	.483	9
Milwaukee	12	16	.429	10½
Cleveland	10	16	.385	11½
Toronto	9	22	.290	15
New Jersey	8	21	.276	15
Detroit	8	22	.267	15½
Washington	7	22	.241	16
Charlotte	3	25	.107	19½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	22	6	.786	—
d-San Antonio	21	9	.700	2
d-L.A. Clippers	17	9	.654	4
Dallas	18	11	.621	4½
L.A. Lakers	17	12	.586	5½
Denver	17	12	.586	5½
Houston	16	13	.552	6½
Portland	15	14	.517	7½
Memphis	15	14	.517	7½
Utah	14	14	.500	8
Minnesota	13	16	.448	9½
Golden State	11	14	.440	9½
Phoenix	12	17	.414	10½
Sacramento	10	18	.357	12
New Orleans	5	23	.179	17

d — division leaders ranked in top four positions regardless of record.

Last night's results
San Antonio 113 Toronto 106
Orlando 103 Philadelphia 87
Detroit at Boston
Indiana at Cleveland
Memphis at New Jersey
Sacramento at New York
Oklahoma City at Houston
Charlotte at Minnesota
New Orleans at Milwaukee
Denver at Dallas
Atlanta at Phoenix
Portland at Golden State
Washington at L.A. Clippers

Tuesday's results
New York 90 Toronto 87
Chicago 121 Sacramento 115
Denver 109 Phoenix 92
L.A. Lakers 86 Atlanta 78
Memphis 93 Houston 83
Miami 105 Indiana 90
Oklahoma City 111 Utah 85
San Antonio 99 Detroit 95
Washington 124 Portland 109

Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
New Jersey at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Charlotte at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Miami at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Denver at Memphis, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at New York, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Washington at Utah, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

SOCCER

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

SECOND ROUND

FIRST LEG
(home teams listed first)
Yesterday's results
AC Milan (Italy) 4 Arsenal (England) 0
Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 3 Benfica (Portugal) 2
Tuesday's results
Bayer Leverkusen (Germany) 1 Barcelona (Spain) 3
Lyon (France) 1 APOEL Nicosia (Cyprus) 0
Tuesday, Feb. 21
CSKA Moscow (Russia) vs. Real Madrid (Spain), 12 p.m.
Napoli (Italy) vs. Chelsea (England), 2:45 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 22
Basel (Switzerland) vs. Bayern Munich (Germany), 2:45 p.m.
Marseille (France) vs. Inter Milan (Italy), 2:45 p.m.
Second Leg begins on March 6

EUROPA LEAGUE

SECOND ROUND

FIRST LEG
(home teams listed first)
Tuesday's results
Braga (Portugal) 0 Besiktas (Turkey) 2
Rubin Kazan (Russia) 0, Olympiakos (Greece) 1
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Locomotiv Moscow (Russia) vs. Athletic Bilbao (Spain), Noon
AZ Alkmaar (Netherlands) vs. Anderlecht (Belgium), 1 p.m.
Ajax (Netherlands) vs. Manchester United (England), 1 p.m.
Lazio (Italy) vs. Atletico Madrid (Spain), 1 p.m.
Legia Warsaw (Poland) vs. Sporting Lisbon (Portugal), 1 p.m.
Salzburg (Austria) vs. Metalist Kharkiv (Ukraine), 1 p.m.
Viktoria Plzen (Czech Republic) vs. Schalke (Germany), 1 p.m.
Hannover (Germany) vs. Brugge (Belgium), 3:05 p.m.
Porto (Portugal) vs. Manchester City (England), 3:05 p.m.
Steaua Bucharest (Romania) vs. Twente (Netherlands), 3:05 p.m.
Stoke (England) vs. Valencia (Spain), 3:05 p.m.
Trabzonspor (Turkey) vs. PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands), 3:05 p.m.
Udinese (Italy) vs. PAOK Thessaloniki (Greece), 3:05 p.m.
Wisla Krakow (Poland) vs. Standard Liege (Belgium), 3:05 p.m.

FRANCE

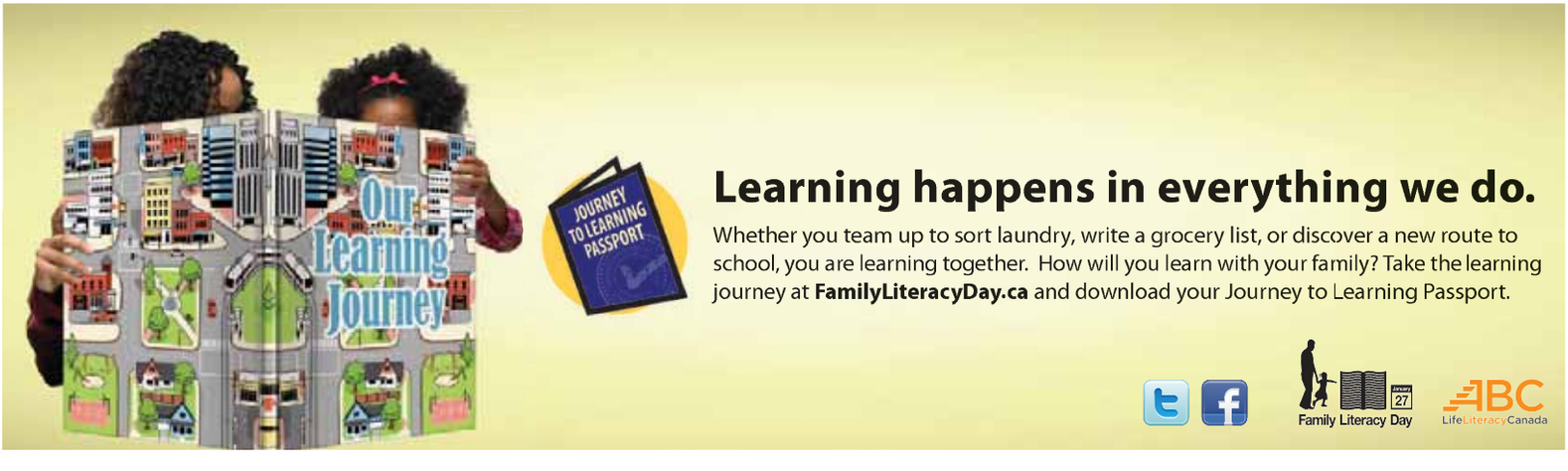
COUPE DE FRANCE

ROUND OF 16
Yesterday's results
Dijon 0 Paris Saint-Germain 1
Marseille 3 Bourg-Peronnas 1

ITALY

SERIE A

Yesterday's results
Atalanta 1 Genoa 0
Parma 0 Juventus 0
Catania at Cesena (ppd., weather)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Stricken Rangers plan to play next match

Scottish soccer powerhouse is seeking bankruptcy protection Financial woes have cost team in standings

The financiers trying to save Scottish soccer champion Rangers from liquidation assured fans on Wednesday that the next match against Kilmarnock will go ahead.

The Glasgow club will start Saturday's game 14 points behind city rival Celtic after being docked 10 points for entering financial administration.

Rangers were forced to seek bankruptcy protection over tax debts of nine-million pounds ($14 million) accrued in the nine months of Craig Whyte's ownership.

"We can report we have made very good progress within the first 24 hours of being appointed administrators over Rangers," joint administrators Paul Clark and David Whitehouse said. "Supporters can be reassured that Rangers will continue as a football club and we hope to reach a stage as soon as possible where the club can emerge from administration."

After "extremely constructive discussions with Strathclyde police," the administrators promised fans that Saturday's home match would be played at Ibrox.

"There might be finger pointing and apportioning of blame, but in the end we are all in it together. We need to stick together and we'll pull through it," Rangers defender Carlos Bocanegra said. "This club has been around for a long time and has a lot of history so it'll be OK. This club has a lot of support around the world."

Rangers had been four points behind Celtic in the Scottish Premier League standings. The 10-point penalty left the club in second place with 51 points, still nine ahead of third-place Motherwell.

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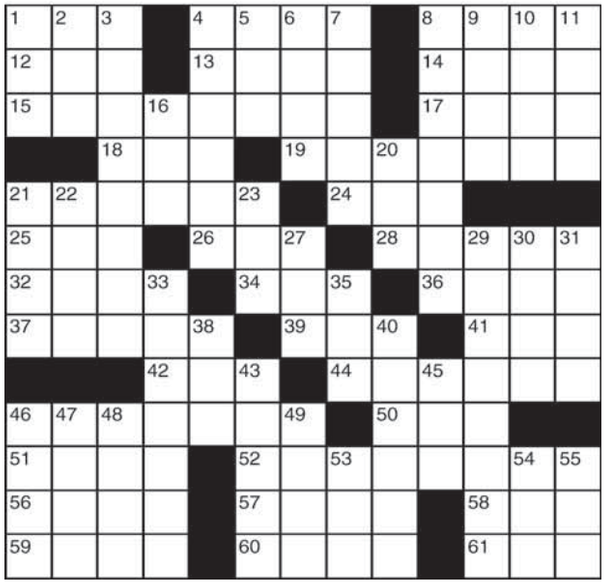

Across

1 Burst
4 Answer an invite
8 Mid-June honorees
12 George's brother
13 — out (supplements)
14 Out of the storm
15 Unimprovable place
17 "— do for now"
18 Back
19 Great commotion
21 "America's Got —"
24 First st.
25 Wall climber
26 Listener
28 Distance down
32 Nap
34 Crazy
36 Avis adjective
37 Basin accessories
39 Pie filling?
41 Deteriorate
42 Last (Abbr.)
44 Political argument
46 Colored like hippie shirts
50 Website section, often
51 Opposed to
52 South American country
56 Old card game
57 Thing
58 Heady brew
59 "South Park" kid
60 Knighted woman
61 Playing marble

Down

1 Spot on a domino
2 "... man — mouse?"
3 Render immobile
4 Given a makeover
5 Tackle moguls
6 Two-piece suit's lack
7 Intellectual pretender
8 Company that merged with Benz in 1926
9 Choir member
10 Sandwich shop
11 Vend
16 Census stat
20 Roulette bet
21 Ocean motion
22 Acknowledge
23 Highlander's hat
27 Aries
29 Strong herbicide
30 Jog
31 Loathe
33 Scholarly
35 Flop
38 Crafty
40 Malign
43 Lukewarm
45 Satchel
46 Chore
47 Black
48 List-ending abbr.
49 Information
53 Sleep phenom
54 Carte lead-in
55 Evergreen type

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

			6	9		8	7	4
				1			6	2
		2				3		
9			7				4	
		4				6		
	3				4			1
		8				2		
3	4			6				
2	7	5		3	1			

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

4	5	2	3	9	6	1	8	7
3	1	7	8	2	4	5	9	6
6	9	8	1	5	7	2	4	3
7	2	3	5	1	8	4	6	9
9	8	6	4	7	2	3	1	5
1	4	5	9	6	3	7	2	8
2	3	1	7	8	9	6	5	4
8	6	4	2	3	5	9	7	1
5	7	9	6	4	1	8	3	2

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On this day, I simply want to say you mean everything to me.... and I have been thinking of you every single moment of every hour of the day. **SANAM**

Brian
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Honey
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
You want to take a risk but you are also fearful of making a mistake. If you play safe now, you will surely regret it later on.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Even if those you love think that what you are doing is wrong, they will still help you to do it today.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
The bigger the challenge, the more you will like it today. Even rivals will admire the way you push through against the odds.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Others may say you are expecting too much of yourself but you know you have been expecting too little.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
If the old way of doing things no longer seems to work, by all means try something new.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
This is the perfect time to do something others will be talking about (for good reasons) for years.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
You will do something that does not come naturally. You may discover you have a talent of which you were previously unaware.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Follow your instincts wherever they might lead you and don't worry that some people might think you are mad.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You will have to work hard for other people today and you won't have much time for yourself.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Some things you say over the next 24 hours could have those around you squirming. The truth is the truth and you won't twist it.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Sometimes in life you have to bend the truth a little and that seems to be the case today.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Mercury in your sign linked to expansive Jupiter means you are in excellent form intellectually at the moment. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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